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LEGAL RECORDS

of

WASHINGTON PARISH

1819 - 1897

Volume One

Papers from the Personal Files of

HARDY RICHARDSON

LAWYER, STATE SENATOR, AND COLONEL IN CSA

1822 - 1882

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LEGAL RECORDS

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ASSISTANT PARISH

1870 - 1871

Volume 2

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WILLY RICHARDS

LAWYER, STATE OF TEXAS, AND COLLECTOR IN CHARGE

1870 - 1871

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1871

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With the destruction of the Washington Parish Courthouse in 1854 and again in 1897, the early documentary history for our area was destroyed.

It has been my ambition and aim over the past fifteen years to make amends for this tragedy that wiped out our history on two different occasions. With this small volume, I present the first of the many records that I have collected throughout the years that relate to our parish. Often times they are duplicates of records that were destroyed. This is not a book to be read with pleasure, but one that is to be used for study and research into our past. To many, it will be of no value, but to the student of Washington Parish history, I feel that it will be most welcome and valuable.

I plan six of these such books. These volumes will cover all the loose papers that I could locate in the State Land Office in Baton Rouge covering the period from 1819 to 1840. This collection contains many deeds that were in the old Deed Books A and B that have long since been forgotten. Another will be a book of deeds that were transcribed for Tangipahoa Parish when that area was created into a parish in 1869. This volume will also cover the period 1819-1869. It is my belief that the deeds were not destroyed in 1854 but apparently the estates and marriage files were since no early records have been found.

All of these small volumes will be turned eventually into a detailed history of our parish. Thus far very little has been written on our beloved section of Louisiana. It is indeed a pity that such little interest has been shown toward these lines, but with the recent centennial celebrations many things that would have suffered total oblivion have now made their way into the present for a lasting duration.

I hope that this volume, as well as the subsequent ones, will be of use to the many citizens of Washington Parish, as well as to all that have tap roots in our native soil.

E. Russ Williams Jr.

E. Russ Williams, Jr.

EMBLEM

The emblem used on the cover of this volume is a copy of the "official seal" for Washington Parish. It was affixed to documents that went through the Parish Judge's office. It was first used by Judge Thomas Cargill Warner in 1822. This seal was used by all parish judges up until the position was discontinued in 1846. Under all probability this instrument was destroyed in the fire of 1854.

Judges that used this seal were:

Thomas Cargill Warner 1822-1833

Benjamin Richardson 1833-1843

Nicholas Trawick 1843-1846

PAPERS OF HONORABLE HARDY RICHARDSON

LAWYER, STATE SENATOR, AND COLONEL IN CSA

Hardy Richardson was born April 20, 1822, in Washington Parish, Louisiana, on the banks of a small stream called Lea's Creek. He was born in a crude cabin of average means pioneer stock, Stephen Richardson and his wife Elizabeth (Betsy) Morris.

Steve Richardson was active in Washington Parish politics in the formative years of its history. Richardson was thus inclined because of the elder Richardson who was a son of a Bullock County, Georgia, Justice, Hardy Richardson. His mother's father, William Morris, was the first man to fill the position of Deputy Sheriff in St. Tammany Parish when it was created in 1811.

The Richardson family was Georgia stock, while the Morris clan was of Orangeburgh District, South Carolina. The wife of William Morris, also of the same district, was a daughter of Wetten Hall Warner, an early Justice in Orangeburgh District, as well as sister of Colonel Thomas Cargill Warner, commander of the 12th and 13th Louisiana Militia, Battle of New Orleans, as well as Judge in St. Tammany and Washington Parishes.

With such a family background, it is not questionable why the younger Richardson became a lawyer. He was one of the first native-born sons to serve in his parish before the Bench and Bar.

Richardson was so adapted to his profession, that in 1846 at the age of 24 years he ran for & captured the senatorial seat for the Eighth Senatorial District of Louisiana. He served in this capacity for six years, or 3 two-year terms. He lost his seat in 1852 for the 1853-1854 sessions but recaptured it in 1854 for three more terms. He had only been re-elected for a short period of time when the state broke away from the Union.

Richardson signed the Ordinance of Secession for Louisiana to withdraw from the Union in April, 1861. He afterwards resigned and came back to his native parish and organized a troop which adopted the name Washington Rifles.

The Washington Rifles trained at Camp Moore, Tangipahoa, Louisiana. Upon completion of their training they were assigned to the Ninth Louisiana Regiment, Company I. They were then transferred to the Army of North Virginia.

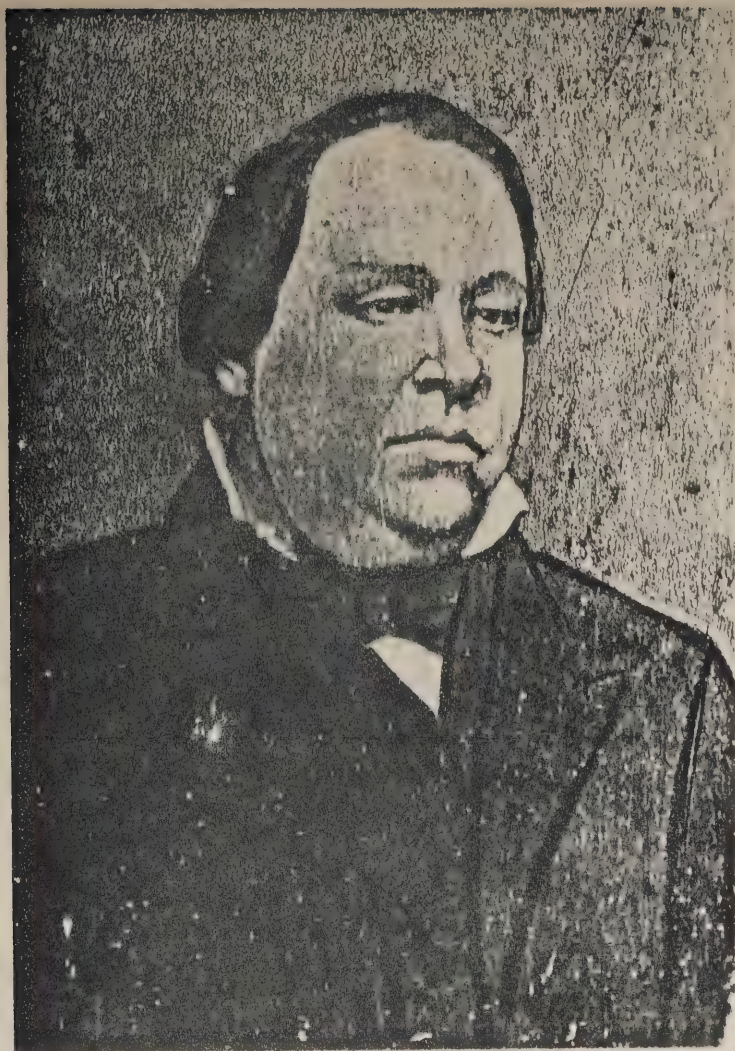
Richardson was the Company Commander until wounded at the second Battle of Manassas. He was then relieved of his command. He was transferred back to Louisiana where he became an enlistment officer for his home parish. While serving in this capacity he was given the rank of Colonel.

After the war he married a widow, Mrs. Martha Warren Roberts, and by her had two daughters.

He resumed his law profession in which he continued until his death in July, 1883. He had been active in politics, the Louisiana Grange, masonic and educational work throughout his active years.

The collection of papers that follow were papers left in his files and carefully preserved by his daughter, Mary Anne Mirande Richardson, wife of Joseph Carter. They have been arranged in the following fashion by a distant relative of Senator Richardson, E. Russ Williams, Jr., of Bogalusa, Louisiana, by consent of Mrs. Maude Richardson Stone of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The collection deals with early court and law matters in Washington Parish prior to and after the Civil War period. It helps fill the gap of missing records for the Parish since all records of a legal nature were destroyed in 1854 and 1897 by two court house fires.



Henry Richardson

PAPERS FROM SUCCESSIONS FILED BY HARDY RICHARDSON
IN VARIOUS PARISHES

Estate of Hiram Adams

There was a single sheet from a Probate Court suit E. & S. Stafford vs S. Allbritten - 1845. This suit was between Eulcid & Susannah Stafford and Stephen Allbritten, Adm. on the Estate of Hiram Adams.

The State of Louisiana
Probate Court
Parish of Washington

At a court aforesaid and at the December Term 1844 and on the fourteenth day of said month the following Judgment was rendered

Eulcid and Susan Stafford

vs

Stephen Albritton Administrator

This cause having been taken up under assignment came for trial Wright Stafford attorney in fact for the Plaintiffs, and the Defendant appearing in person, and the same was submitted to the Court without assignment. It was the opinion of the court that the Plaintiffs had fully made out their case. It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by the Court that the Plaintiffs Eulcid & Susan Stafford Recover of the Defendant Stephen Albritton Administrator of the Estate of Hiram Adams deceased the sum of Six Hundred and Seventy Dollars with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum from the Twenty Sixth day of April Eighteen Hundred and forty one until paid with the costs of suit with a mortgage privilege upon the following described property namely, (1) Nancy a negress woman (2) Mary (3) Isaac (4) Criss (5) Rashall (6) Huldy (7) Sarah (8) Jane (9) ----- and (10) Richon.
(on back)

Probate Court, E & S Stafford vs S Allbritton adm., Judgment Copy

Debt	670=
4 yr & 4 ms. int at 5-	<u>146.00</u>
Total <u>EE</u>	\$816.00

Truly recorded Novr 29th 1845 Benjamin Richardson Parish Judge

State of Louisiana
Parish of Natchitoches

Received of Holden Adams agent for
Catharine Nichols the sum of Eight
hundred and Sixteen dollars, being in

full of the within judgment, cost, interest & principal.

Campite, La., October 6th 1845

Euclid S Stafford

Witness C. J. Puckett

F. S. Vickers (?)

Received of Mrs. Catharine Nichols, widow of Hiram Adams, late of Washington Parish Decd. Eight hundred Sixteen Dollars, being the full amount of principal & interest of the within judgment--wherein we are Plaintiffs & Stephen Albritton admr. is Defendant--Said payment has been made to us by the said Mrs. Catharine Nichols in her own behalf, and as natural

Tutrix to her minor child Joseph Wilkinson Adams and is therefore entitled to all of our rights in and to said Judgment-- her

Witness--

Susannah X Staford

Hiram A. Cuper

mark

D. W. Wall

ESTATE OF HENRY BLACK

Two sheets - 1850

Hines County Mississippi

December 30th 1850

Mr. Hardy Richardson

Sir please pay to William L. Miller all Moneys collected by you on a Power of attorney Given for the sale of a tract of Land lying in the State of Louisiana and Parish of Washington and belonging to the Heirs of Henry Black deceased and We the undersigned Heirs to the Estate of Thomas Flewellan and Elizabeth Flewellen deceased do authorize you to pay to the said Miller all such monies collected by you on said Power of attorney.

Henry Flewellen

her

Susanna X Flewellen

mark

William Flewellen

John Flewellen

Jos. Flewellen

her

Nancy X Flewellen

mark

Received of Hardy Richardson Admr. in fact for Susan Black now wife of Abner Miller, Jennet Black widow of Wm. Wallace, Elizabeth Black now wife of Thomas Flewellen, Mary Black now wife Aaron Miller, Charles Black, and William Black the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars being the amount received from a sale of Land owned by their deceased father Henry Black now made to Champion P. Bailey, being situate on Bouge Chitto State of Louisiana Parish of Washington I William L. Miller being fully authorized have this day receipted for fifteen dollars given to Ellen Day the widow of Wm. Day who formerly lived on the place and improved the same and the Heirs all refusing to give any thing for this labour Except Susan Black wife of Abner Miller gives fifteen dollars. January the thirteenth A.D. 1851.

W. L. Miller

Representing the above named Heirs

ESTATE OF ABNER BICKHAM

One sheet - 1851

Franklinton La., Nov 16th 1851

George H. Penn Esq.

You will please deliver to the bearer of this order the power of Attorney you have in your possession from the Heirs of Abner Bickham deceased in favor of A. C. Bickham, and this shall be your warrant for so doing.

A. C. Bickham

ESTATE OF THOMAS J. BRASSFIELD AND WIFE ELIZABETH (nee Morris) RICHARDSON
Six pieces - 1866

Received of Hardy Richardson administrator of the Estate of T. J. Brassfield deceased the sum of Sixty five dollars the amount of my Heirship against said Estate, for which I grant & give this my full and final receipt against said Estate, and the administrator
June 14, 1866

A. C. Pool

Received of Hardy Richardson administrator of the Estate of T. J. Brassfield deceased the sum of one Hundred and thirty dollars the amount of Hardy J. Pool & Thomas F. Pool's Heirship in said Estate, for which I grant this day full and final receipt as tutor of said Minors Hardy J. and T. F. Pool against said Estate and the said Administrator
June 14 1866

A. C. Pool Tutor

Received of Hardy Richardson Administrator of the Estate of T. J. Brassfield deceased the sum of Sixty five dollars the amount of my Heirship against said Estate for which I grant a full and final receipt against said Estate and the administrator
June 14, 1866

S. R. Pool

Franklinton August 23rd 1867

Received of Hardy Richardson Administrator of the Estate of Thomas J. and Elizabeth Brassfield both deceased the Sum of three Hundred and twenty five dollars less ten dollars attorney's fee in full payment of my heirship in said Estate of which I grant the said administrator a full & final acquittance therefor.

Wm. P. Richardson

Received of Hardy Richardson Administrator of the Estate of T. J. Brassfield deceased the Sum of Sixty five dollars the full amount of my Heirship against said Estate for which I grant this my full and final receipt against said Estate and the said Administrator.
June 14, 1866

Jas. O. Pool

Fragment of a return of the Estate of T. J. Brassfield
plows at the price of four Dollars \$4.00
Lot of Iron at the price of Two dollars Sixty Cents 2.60
Making the Sum of Six Dollars & Sixty Cents \$6.60
I adjudicated G. W. Varnado a lot of files at the
price of Two Dollars & fifteen cents \$2.15
Making in the aggregate the Sum of Eighteen
hundred & forty Two Dollars and make this
my return \$1842.00
January the 20th 1866

ESTATE OF ISREAL CARTER
One piece - 1886

Received Nov. 10th 1886 of Mrs. Elizabeth Carter the Sum of fifty dollars fee in the matter of Probating will of Israel Carter 18th Judl. Dist. Court Ph. of Washington.

John Wadsworth atty.

ESTATE OF SAMUEL JONES
Three pieces - 1859

Mr. Hardy Richison (sic) please to send me \$50 dollars by W. A. Boutwell
you will oblige yours by sow (sic) doing
Samuel W. Jones
June the 12th 1858

Received of Hardy Richardson the Sum of Ten dollars in cash in part
payment of the balance due him from his fathers Estate Samuel Jones
deceased June 4th 1859

John Jones

Hardy Richardson In account with Samuel Jones
February 12th 1858
To the sale of Land Warrant for one hundred and Sixty acres \$125

Samuel Jones in account with Hardy Richardson

1848	June 12	To 100 lbs Bacon	\$ 4.00
1850	June 15	" 100 " "	6.50
1858	March 12	" Cash	7.50
"	April 27	1 Bbl Pork	17.00
"	" "	7 Bbl Rice	7.65
"	" "	1 Bbl flour	5.50
"	June 12	15 lbs bacon at 10 cts	1.50
"	" "	Cash	5.00
"	" 19	Cash	50.00
1859	June 4	" to heirs mendt	5.00
"	" "	" to you John Jones	10.00
"	" "	Paid Wm. Baker	25.00
		Tomy (?) Boutwell	5.00
			<u>\$149.65</u>
		Warrant	<u>125.00</u>
		Balance due me	24.65

(on back)

Amount Brought over	\$24.65
1 Barrel Pork returned	17.00
Balance due	<u>7.65</u>
August 11t 1860	
Hardy Richardson	

The above is the settlement as near as I know how to make it out and
having submitted it to John Jones and stating to him as nearly as I could
the whole transactions, he being fully satisfied acquits me of all further
claim due his Father Samuel Jones deceased.
August 11t 1860
John Jones

ESTATE OF JOHN P. MEGEHE
Two pieces - 1873

Sunny Hill, April 23rd 1873

James P. Magehe

Dear Sir

The heirs of John Magehe have given to me and I have in my hands the Settlement of their claim in their Fathers Succession, or to get what is coming to them, the only chance is Mrs. Jeremiah Magee, and old distetute (sic) widow, and for to take from her, in her old age and destitute condition to pay your just dues. I think wrong, and if I were in your place, would cling to my recollection while I lived. Now Sir, is there no way that this matter could be settled without taking from a poor old widow, what she actual needs for the common comforts of life. Yes, her bread and meat----- I am always willing to do right to all parties, and if any thing can be had for the benefit of the minors of your dead Brothers children, You who had the management of his little effects should prepare the way and not wrong orphan children. But in a Spirit of compromise let the children who are in need have Something, they ask for justice only, your own dead Brothers needy children. Now pay up, and let them have something which is their right and not distress Mrs. Jeremiah Magehee.

Write me immediately and let me know what you intend to do.

Your friend

Hardy Richardson

Succession of John P. Magehe

The sale was made in the year 1864

One horse bought by Ira Magehe

" " " " George Knight

1 yoke of oxen " M Lain

1 wagon " " Welcome Penny for \$775

1 shift or Pirouge Martin Moore

1 Saddle " " M Lain

Succession owed Jesse Mageehee one hundred dollars. Except the cost of the succession and James Magehee, administrator, John Wadsworth attorney-- sold for cash in Confederate money

Nothing was ever paid to the widow and children of the sale made for cash in confederate money.

She or her husband Jno. P. Magehe deceased, owned 1/3 of Section of land and known as the Abbitt tract of land, the titles were doubted, and said not to be good. The land was bought by the Mageehee Boys from John Peters and the title Guaranteed--Peters is dead, and the Warantee doubtful, a law suit for the 1/3 of the land would not pay.

I authorize you to take the matter in hand and settle the matter right.

James P. Magee the administrator of the Estate of Jno. P. Magehe lives in Hancock Co. Mississippi Post Office Gainesville.

Securities on administrators Bond, Joseph Aronsteince, insolvent and lives on Bayou Sara; Jeremiah Magee, dead-----

This matter is to be put in the hands of attornies for settlement, compromise.

ESTATE OF JOHN MITCHELL

One piece - 1851

Franklinton April 10th 1851

Received of Hardy Richardson for the Heirs of John Mitchell the sum of two dollars and forty cents, the amount of interest paid on

twenty dollars at Eight per Cent, for the Redemption of the Pearl tract of Land--Known as the Mitchell tract.

Charles Knight

ESTATE OF W. W. & SARAH (RICHARDSON) MORRIS

Three pieces - 1855

Note: This succession was administered in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. Wettenhall Warner Morris (brother to Elizabeth Morris, wife of T. J. Brassfield of this same volume) died in 1849. Sarah (called Sally) died in 1852. She was a sister to Hardy's father, first husband of Elizabeth above.

Received of John E. Morris Administrator of the Estate of W. W. Morris and Sarah Morris both deceased, the sum of Five hundred and Nine dollars in full of all demand against the said Estate, I being one of the Minor Heirs for which I grant the said administrator a full and final discharge & acquittance therefor from the said Estate

October 23rd 1856

James L. Morris

\$509.00 Attest A. L. Blackburn

Hardy Richardson

State of Arkansas

County of Lafayette

Be it known and Remembered that on this the first day of April A.D. 1853 I Cassandra Morris wife of Ransifer Jones do nominate constitute and appoint Hardy Richardson of the State of Louisiana Parish of Washington my true and Lawful attorney in fact to do and perform all the acts that may be necessary for me to do in receiving my inheritance and heirship from my Fathers and Mothers Estate, W. W. Morris and Sarah Morris both deceased, to receive and receipt for the same.

Hereby binding myself to Ratify and confirm all acts or receipts that may be signed by my said attorney in fact as if I were personally present and signing the same myself in person.

Thus done in the State of Arkansas Lafayette County--date above written.

Wm. B. Crabtree

his

Cassandra Jones

Nicholas X Tramell

mark

Succession of W. W. and Sarah Morris decd.

Aggregate amount of the succession after all debts being paid \$5217.60
They being 12 heirs there must be 12 Heirships

Each share

\$434.80

Stock sold in the woods amounts to for each heir

5.50

Total to each heir

\$440.30

Cassandra Jones

Dr to negro Girl Rebecca

\$660.00

Deduct the Heirship

440.00

220.00

Sold Cassandra cattle above
the purchase price
Balance due January the
1st 1853 and drawing
Eight per cent Interest

13.33 1/3
\$206.66 2/3

Interest from the 1st Jany
1853 up to June 1855
Principal and Interest
added June 1st 1855 paid
by E. Galloway--Bal due

39.95
246.61
105.00
141.66

Interest from the 1st June
1855 up to the 1st November
1856

16.13

Balance due up to
November 1856

157.74

Thomas Morris Paid

50 in cattle
\$107.74

ESTATE OF MRS. PAMELIA MYLES

One piece, Last Will and Testament - 1840

State of Louisiana

Parish of Washington

Be it Remembered that on this Twenty Second day
of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty and in the year of the Independence of the United
States of America the sixty-fourth.

That I Pamela Myles being feeble in health but of sound mind and
memory in view of the uncertainty of this mortal life and having a desire
to regulate and dispose of my worldly affairs do in the presence of the
witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned make ordain and publish this my
last will and testament in manner and form following.

First. My forced heirs or legitimate descendants are Mrs. Mary Ann Keziah
Kirkland widow of Jesse Kirkland Decd. John Carmon, Hilton Winfield Barton
and Mary Eunis Pamela Barton the legitimate descendants of Mrs. Pamela
Barton my late daughter decd both of whom are now minors.

Second. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Keziah Kirkland one
negro woman named Leah aged about forty three years one negro man named
Monroe aged Twenty Eight years one negro boy named Wilson aged Eleven
years and one bed bedding etc together with other disposition hereinafter
made in her favor.

Third. I give and bequeath to my son John Carmon one negro boy named
Alexander aged about seventeen years one negro woman named Judge aged about
Sixty years three feather beds with bedding etc and with burdens hereafter
imposed the undivided half being my entire interest therein to the two
sections of land of six Hundred and forty acres each upon which I now reside
with all the improvements and a(lso) the tract of Land known as the
Wadsworth place containing two Hundred and twenty acres the first named two
sections or my interest therein being estimated at the price of Seven
Hundred and fifty Dollars is burdened with two thirds of that sum one third
of which paid by my son John Carmon to my daughter Mrs. Mary Ann Kirkland

one other third to be paid by him to my Grand children in equal portions and the other third to be reserved by my said son for himself as one of my heirs and the Wadsworth place being estimated at the price of One Hundred Dollars is burdened with two thirds of that sum the disposition of which are to be made in the manner and under the same ratio as that Just described for the undivided half of the two sections amongst my said three heirs Fourth. I give and bequeath to my two grandchildren Hilton Winfield and Mary Unis Pamela Barton the negro woman named Elizabeth aged twenty one years and a negro boy named Doctor William aged about ten years with one bed etc with the addition of the dispositions hereinbefore made and hereinafter to be made in their favors.

Fifth. For the natural love and affection which I have for my husband Isaac A. Myles and for other good causes and considerations I give and bequeath to unto him the slaves George aged twenty three years and Frank aged about sixty years and one bed bedding etc besides the dispositions hereinafter made in his favour.

Sixth. It is my will and desire that all my personal property consisting of horses cattle hogs and other stock which I may die possed (sic) of together with my farming utensils household furniture etc after my death shall be divided in Kind as equally as can be between my three heirs and my said husband each to receive one fourth thereof and that all other property which I may die seized of shall be sold in a legal manner and the proceeds after the payment of my debts to be equally divided between my aforesaid three heirs.

Seventh. It is my will and desire that the debts which I may owe after my decease shall be equally borne by my said three heirs and my said husband and to effect the payment of said debts that a sufficient amount of personal property be sold unless the parties interested should make other provisions for that purpose.

Eighth. It is my will and desire that the said sum which my son John is bound to pay to my two grandchildren under the provisions of the third Item of this my last will and testament be retained by him and in his hands until the majority or emancipation by marriage or otherwise of my said two grandchildren.

Ninth. I hereby appoint John Carmon of this Parish and state and Ezekiel P. Ellis of the town of Covington Parish St. Tammany, La. the sole executors of this my last will and testament.

Tenth. I hereby revoke all former wills or codicils heretofore by me made and declare this to be my last will and testament which was written by Ezekiel P. Ellis at my dictation for me read according to law to me and Danill R. Warren Joel Pearson Thomas Pearson Morris Smith and John Andrews competent witnesses of this Parish in a loud and intelligible voice presented by me to said witnesses declaring that the same was my last will and testament and signed by me in the presence of said witnesses who have also signed in my presence on the day month and year first above written.

Signed--Pamelia Myles--D R Warren J. Pearson--Thomas Pearson--John Andrews--Maurice Smith

A true copy of the original act Extant in my office.

Parish Judges office Parish Washington La. Franklinton
Decr. 5th 1842

Benj. Richardson
Parish Judge

ESTATE OF JOHN AND CHARLOTTE POOL

Seven pieces - 1860

Note: John was a son of William Pool of Pool's Bluff near Bogalusa, Louisiana. Charlotte was a daughter of Stephen Richardson and Elizabeth Morris.

(Fragment) - Received of A. C. Pool tutor to the Minor Heirs of John and Charlotte Pool both deceased the sum of fifty five 65/100 dollars the full amount of my heirship in the Estate of Thomas J. Brasfield and for which I grant a full and final-----

Settlement with the Heirs of John and Charlotte Pool decd. with the Estate of T. J. Brasfield decd, 1866, June 13

L. R. Pool purchased at the sale of T. J. Brasfield deceased, to the amount of - Jany 20, 1866	\$69.95
Heirship in the Estate of TJB	<u>65.00</u>
Balance due Estate	\$ 5.95 (sic)
Cash for atty fees	<u>2.00</u>
	7.95

A. C. Pool purchased at the sale of the Estate of T. J. Brasfield Jany 20, 1866	\$81.41
Heirship in the Estate of T. J. B.	<u>65.00</u>
	16.41
Due for attorneys fees	<u>2.00</u>
	19.41 (sic)

Hardy J. Pool minor purchased at the sale of T.J. Brasfield Jany 20, 1866 to the amt	\$53.65
Due to the estate for attys fees	<u>2.00</u>
	55.65
Heirship in the Estate of T. J. Brasfield	<u>65.00</u>
Balance due Hardy J. Pool	\$ 9.35

James O. Pool purchased at the sale of T. J. Brasfield Jany 20th, 1866 to the amount of	\$11.60
Due for attorneys fees	<u>2.00</u>
	13.60
Heirship in the Estate of T. J. Brasfield	<u>65.00</u>
Balance due J. O. Pool	51.40
Paid Jas. O. Pool by Hardy Richardson Administrator of the Estate of T.J. Brasfield	<u>51.40</u>

A. C. Pools note to minors for Founty Pool	18.64
Hardy Richardsons note	52.00

\$56 On or before the first Day of January next I promise to pay Stephen Ellis fifty Six Dollars with eight per cent interest from date until paid. This May the 25th A.D. 1862

S. D. Richardson
Tutor for the Estate of Charlotte Pool deceased

Estate of John & Charlotte Pool
In Account with H. Richardson

1860

January 2nd

To cash advanced to J Pool	\$137.
" " " " T. J. Brasfield	35
" " " " Estate	25
" " " " James A. Maloney	55
" " " " Mrs. Wudt(?)	2.20
" " " " M. Henman	3.00
" " " " James Pool	3.00
	<u>\$260.80 (sic)</u>
One years interest	20.86
	<u>\$281.66</u>
Mrs. Wurdtt (?)	4.70
Mr. Henman	5.00
	<u>\$291.36</u>

Stone Jar	\$2.50
Neg. Lettie	1300 "
Negro woman Jinny & 4 children	3000
Arthur	1200
Lacy	100
Charly	235
Becky & Rachael	150
9 Head geese	4.50
Total amount	<u>\$7215.25 (sic)</u>
A.C. Pool	\$3281.50
S.R. Pool	3225 "

Minor Heirs purchase	\$7215.25
A.C. Pool	3281.50
S.R. Pool	3225
Debts against succession	\$ 609.50
Each heir share	\$2638.12 cents

Power atty, S R Pool

Succession \$587. the minors are Hardy and Hamtam Pool both over the age of puberty-----

(Fragment from the sale of the estate of John Pool deceased)
Seventy five Dollars he being the highest and last bidder upon the terms and condition aforesaid \$575.00 I then offered a tract of Land containing Six hundred & fifty acres known as the Lee tract and after crying the Same for some time the Said tract of Land was adjudicated to S D Richardson at the price and Sum of Ten Dollars he being the highest and last bidder \$10.00 I then offered Six hundred & forty acres of Land known as the George Mitchell tract and after crying the Same for Some time and receiving the offers and bids the said tract of land was adjudicated to S D Richardson at the price and sum of One hundred Dollars he being the highest and last Bidder \$100.00 I then proceeded to offer the personal property and after crying the Same & receiving the various offers & Bids I adjudicated to Wm P Richardson forty head of cattle more or less at the price of Eight 60/100 Dollars per head Mr. King the Sum three hundred & forty four Dollars \$344.00 One sorrell Poney at fifty Dollars 50.00 1C head of Sheep at 2\$(sic) per

head making Twenty Dollars 20.00; 10 head of Sheep at 2 20/100 per head making Twenty Two Dollars 22.00; 8 head of Sheep at 2 20/100 per head making Sixteen 80/100 Dollars 16.80; Oil Stone at the sum of Eighty five cents 85; 3 jugs at the pryce (sic) of thirty six dollars 36.00; 4 Bar Iron at the sum of four 25/100 4.25; 1 side of Leather at the Sum of Sixty cents .60; 1 side at the sum of eighty cents .80; 1 side at the sum of Ninety cents .90; 1 side at the price of one 30/100 Dollars 1.30; 1 Side at Two Dollars 2.00; 1 side at fifty cents .50; 1 side at One Dollar ninty cents 1.90; 1 side at thirty cents .30; 1 Grindstone at the price of One Dollar & sixty five cents \$1.65; making the sum of five hundred & Six 15/100 Dollars 506.15 (sic) Purchased by the Said Wm P Richardson

I adjudecated to A C Pool one mule at the price and sum of fifty Dollars 50.00; 1 augur at the price of fifty cents .50; 1 augur at the price of fifty cents .50; Hand axe at the price One Dollar 1.00; 1 augur & chisel at the price of fifty cents .50; 1 axe at the price of Seventy five cents .75; Iron bar at the price of sixty five cents .65; 1 plow at the price of one Dollar 1.00; Lot of old Iron at the price of one Dollar seventy five cents 1.75; Three hogs at the price of Twenty One Dollars 21.00; 1 shot gun at the price of Three 50/100 Dollars 3.50; making the sum of Eighty one Dollars 40/100 purchased by A C Pool 81.40 (sic); G W Varnado purchased two steers at the price of Thirty Two Dollars \$32.00; three hogs at the price of Twenty Seven Dollars 27.00 making the sum of fifty nine Dollars purchased by G W Varnado \$59.00

I adjudecated to Pinkny Stewart one yoke of Steer at the price of fifty Dollars 50.00; 1 Rip Saw at the price of One Dollar 1.00; 7 trying square at the price of fifty cents .50; 2 Gimbles & 1 Gouge at the price of forty five cents .45; chisel & plain at the price of two Dollars 2.00; 4 plains at the price of Two Dollars fifty cents 2.50; chisel & Gouge at the price of thirty cents .30; Tool chest at the price of four Dollars ten cents 4.10; 1 augur & 3 Blocks at the price of three Dollars Sixty cents 3.60; making the Sum of Sixty four 95/100 Dollars 64.95 (sic)

I adjudecated to S R Pool 1 wagon at the price of Twenty Six Dollars \$26.00; 1 drawing knife at the price of One Dollar 1.00; 1 plow at the price of Sixty cents .60; 1 side of Leather at the price of One Dollar ten cents \$1.10; one Iron at the price of ten Dollars & Twenty five cts 10.25; Bank of slips at the price of three Dollars 3.00; Spinning wheel at the price of five Dollars 5.00; 1 pr cards at the price of fifty cents .50; Lot of chickens at the price nine Dollars 9.00; making fifty six 40/100 (sic)

I adjudecated to S D Richardson one bugy & harness at the price of Twenty Dollars \$20.00; 1 Cary log & Tail cart at the price of seventy five Dollars 75.00; Blacksmith Tools at the price of Thirteen Dollars seventy five cts 13.75; One saw at the price of one Dollar & seventy five cents 1.75; Broad Axe & foot at the price of One Dollar Eighty Cents 1.80; Lot of Guns at the price of two Dollars seventy five cents 2.75; Lot of cotton at the price of fourteen Dollars 14.00; Hars (?) at the price of fifty cents .50; Lot of fodder at the price of four Dollars & fifty cents 4.50; House & Kitchen furniture at the price One hundred Dollars 100.00; One clock at the price of Twelve Dollars & seventy five cents 12.75; making the sum of Two hundred & forty Six 80/100 Dollars 246.80 (sic)

I adjudecated to Hardy Pool one Cart at the price of Six Dollars 6.00; One plow & Harnes to the price of Two Dollars twenty five cents 2.25; Lot of plows at the price of Two Dollars forty cents 2.40; five Sow &

pigs at the price of twenty five Doll 25.00; nine bee Gums at the price of Eighteen Dollars 18.00; making the sum of fifty three Dollars Sixty five cents 53.65 I adjudicated to I J Pounds one Broad Axe at the price of Two Dollars Twenty five \$2.25; one pr compasses at the price of One dollar & five cents 1.05; making the sum of Three Dollar & thirty cents \$3.30. I adjudicated to Jas O Poole one saw at the price of One Dollar fifty cents \$1.50; 1 augur at the price of fifty cents .50; Foot adzr(?) at the price One Dollar & fifty cents 1.50; 18 kind of Gun at the price of Eight Dollars ten cents 8.10; making the sum of Eleven Dollar Sixty cents \$11.60 I adjudicated to E W Moore square & drawing knife at the price of two Dollars thirty five cents \$2.35; Bridle & Bits at the price of Six Dollars Twenty five cents 6.25; Two chisels at the price of Sixty cents .60; Jack plow at the price of one Dollar Twenty cents 1.20; One Gouge at the price of Seventy five cents .75; chisel & Gouge at the price of One Dollar & five cents 1.05; 1 chisel at the price of fifty cents .50; making the Sum of Twelve Dollars 70/100 12.70 (sic) I adjudicated to Leroy Thomas one square and Jointer plain at the price of Two Dollars \$2.00; Jack & Smooth plain at the price of Two Dollars Twenty five cents 2.25; Three plains at the price of Two Dollars twenty five cents 2.25; match plains at the price of One Dollar 1.00; a lot of plains at the price of four Dollars 4.00; Spirit level & compass at the price of four Dollars fifty cents 4.50; rice & plain Bits at the price of two dollars 2.00; Sow bit & Screw driver at the price of two Dollars Seventy five 2.75; Plain bits punches &c at the price one Dollar thirty five 1.35; 1 chest & Iron at the price of three Dollars 3.00; One chisel at the price of fifty cents .50; Lot of wagon Iron at the price of fifteen Dollars 15.00; making the Sum of Forty 60/100 Dollars 40.60. I adjudicated to Owen Miller Level Saw Chisel & files at the price of One Dollar & Sixty five cents \$1.65; One lot of Old iron at the price of four Dollars Eighty cents 4.80; one square at the price of fifty cents .50; 1 Bar of Iron at the price of One Dollar & Seventy five cents 1.75; making the Sum of Eight Dollars & Seventy cents \$8.70 (sic) I adjudicated to Wm Cooper one augur at the price of fifty cents .50 I adjudicated a ----- to P Purvis at the price of Sixty five cents .65 (the following in parentheses had lines drawn through it but was still legible) being all the property of the (Deceased making in the aggregate the Sum of) I adjudicated to Orvill Perry 2 cow hides at the price of One Dollar & Eight cents \$1.08 I adjudicated to Stephen Mizell one lot of -----

Covington 30th May -1866

My Dear Sir

I beg to call your attention to my medical Bill for a Visit made to Bogue Chitto as Yr servant sent to Mr Poole some time since Mr Poole sent me a letter saying that you had the money to pay me I would not ask you for the money now but am pressed in consequence of a judgment rendered against me and which I wish to settle you will therefore confer a favour by sending me the amount to my son T D Davieson (sic) at his Drug Store in Covington if possible next week

& much oblige

Your own Sevt.

Hardy Richardson Esqr
Amount of acct \$35--

F M D Davieson MD

ESTATE OF WILLIAM POOL
Two pieces - 1847

State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

Received of John Pool administrator of the Estate of William Pool late of this Parish deceased, four hundred and thirty four dollars--It being the amount in full which was left due me or owing to me by the said John Pool as one of the Heirs of William Pool and I Hereby acknowledge to have Received the Same as full compensation for my heirship to my fathers and mothers Estate, and sign the Same in good faith as a full acquittal and quitus (sic) to the said John Pool administrator as aforesaid for my portion as heir to the Same, June the 28th A.D. 1847 Matthew Pool not knowing how to write signs by making his Ordinary mark his

Attest

S. D. Richardson

Wm. J. Morris

Matthew X Pool
mark

State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

Received of John Pool Administrator of the Estate of William Pool, late of this Parish deceased, four hundred and thirty four Dollars--It being the amount in full which was due or owing to me by the said John Pool as one of the Heirs of William Pool and I Hereby acknowledge to have Received the Same as full compensation for my Heirship to my Father and Mothers Estate and sign the same in good faith as a full acquittal and quitus to the Said John Pool administrator as aforesaid for my portion as Heir to the Same, June the 28th A.D., 1847. Anna Pool not knowing how to write signs by making her ordinary mark. her

S. D. Richardson

Wm. J. Morris

Anna X Pool
mark

ESTATE OF BENJAMIN AND CELIA RICHARDSON

Seven pieces - 1855

Note: This was the same Benjamin Richardson that served as Parish Judge for Washington so many years. The full estate can be found in the St. Helena Parish Record.

The State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

Be it Known and Remembered that on this Twenty fifth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred & fifty five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Seventy Ninth---

I Matthew Richardson of the Parish of St. Helena have this day bargained sold, and does by these presents grant bargain sell assign and set over unto Hardy Richardson of the Parish of Washington all my right title Interest and claim in and to the Estate of my Father Benjamin Richardson & Mother Celia Richardson both deceased, I being a Legal heir born of this marriage consisting of a certain tract of land lying and being situate in the Parish of St. Helena, on the East side of the Amite River, containing Six hundred & forty acres bounded on the North by Lands of Alexander

Cortney & the Amite River, East by Lands of Alexander Cortney & public Land, South by Lands of Mrs. Lanear or the John Davidson place & on the West by Lands owned by Mrs. Robertson & the Amite River with all the improvements therein situated, consisting of a dwelling House, Barn, negro cabins Gin, etc with the stock attached to said place, consisting of six Mules one Horse, fourteen head of cattle Hogs sheep etc, also one other tract of Land lying & being situated in the Parish of Washington on the East side of the Bouge Chitto River, Bounded on the North by Lands of Rebecca Dyas, East by public Land South by Land owned by Zachariah Bickham & West by the said River Bouge Chitto, containing one thousand acres (more or less) with the Improvements thereon, consisting of dwelling House etc, also the following Slaves, to wit "Peter a man aged fifty five years, Peggy his wife aged fifty years and her Eight Children, Alfred a man aged twenty four years, Chocky a woman aged twenty two years, Daniel a boy aged twenty years, Sally a girl aged Seventeen years, George a boy aged fourteen years, Charles aged Twelve years, Spencer aged Ten years, & Martha aged Eight years, Charles a man aged forty years, & Betsy his wife aged forty years & her five Children, Gus aged nineteen years, Sarah a girl Seventeen years, Ned a boy aged fourteen years, Ellen a girl aged Ten years & Mac a boy aged Seven years, Fanny aged twenty five years & her child Ned aged nine years, Carey a woman aged twenty two years and her child Tim aged two years, Henry a man aged twenty one years, Monroe aged fifteen years, Mary aged nine years, Ginger a man aged twenty years, Nathan aged Sixteen years, Reuben a man aged twenty years, Harriet a woman aged thirty five years and her five children, Lucy a girl aged Sixteen years, Jeff a boy aged fourteen years John a boy aged Ten years Lucy a girl aged Eight years and her Infant Child Mary aged two years (sic) and Lucy aged Seventy years, the said Interest being the Eleventh part of said Estate there being Eleven Heirs of the said Estate, and the Said property being more particularly described and set forth on the Inventory of said Estate now on file in the clerks Office of the Parish of St. Helena, and written on the thirtieth of May 1855---

The said Interest to the said Estate I warrant and forever defend the rights of myself or any other person whatsoever unto the said purchaser his heirs and assigns to their own proper use and behoof forever.

This sale and Interest is made for and in consideration of the sum of two thousand and forty five dollars--Cash in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the seller and a full acquittance granted therefor.

This done in the Town of Franklinton, Parish of Washington on the year Month & day above written in the presence of John Wadsworth & Stephen Albritton competent witnesses who have signed with us the parties.

Witness

John Wadsworth
Stephen Albritton

Mathew Richardson
Hardy Richardson

Parish of St. Helena La. Decr 3rd 1855

Twelve Months after date We or either of us promise to pay Hardy Richardson Administrator of the Estate of Benjamin and Celia Richardson deceased for the use and benefit of the heirs of the said Estate, the sum of nine hundred and thirty three dollars thirty-three and one thirds cents-----with Eight per cent Interest per Annum from due until paid for value received.

William Richardson
Stephen D. Richardson

Parish of St. Helena La. December 3rd 1855

Two years after date We or either of us promise to pay Hardy Richardson Administrator of the Estate of Benjamin and Celia Richardson deceased for the use and benefit of the heirs of the said Estate the sum of nine hundred and thirty three dollars thirty-three and one third cents----- with Eight per cent Interest per Annum from due until paid for value received.

William Richardson
Stephen D. Richardson

Parish of St. Helena La. December 3rd 1855

Three years after date We or either of us promise to pay Hardy Richardson Administrator of the Estate of Benjamin and Celia Richardson deceased for the use and benefit of the heirs of said Estate the sum of Nine hundred and thirty three dollars thirty three and one third cents with Eight per cent Interest per annum from due until paid for value received.

William Richardson
Stephen D. Richardson

Parish of St. Helena La. Decr. 3rd 1855

One year after date we or either of us promise and obligate ourselves to pay to Hardy Richardson administrator of the Estate of Benjamin & Celia Richardson decd. for the use and benefit of the heirs of said Estates the sum of One thousand & Seventy one dollars Sixty six and two third cents-----with eight per cent interest thereon from maturity till paid for value received

William Kemp
Elizabeth J.(or I) Kemp
Lesly Richardson

\$1071.66 2/3 Parish of St. Helena La. Decr 3rd 1855

Two years after date we or either of us promise and obligate ourselves to pay to Hardy Richardson administrator of the Estate of Benjamin and Celia Richardson decd. for the use and benefit of the heirs of said Estate the sum of One thousand & Seventy one dollars and Sixty six & two thirds cents with eight per cent interest thereon from maturity till paid, for value received.

William Kemp
Eliza J.(or I) Kemp
Lesly Richardson

\$1071.66 2/3 Parish of St. Helena La. Decr. 3rd 1855

Three years after date we or either of us promise and obligate ourselves to pay to Hardy Richardson administrator of the Estate of Benjamin & Celia Richardson decd. for the use and benefit of the heirs of said Estates the sum of One thousand and Seventy one dollars and Sixty Six and two third cents--- with eight per cent interest thereon from maturity till paid for value received.

William Kemp
Eliza J.(or I) Kemp
Lesly Richardson

Parish of St. Helena La. Decr. 3rd 1855

Twelve months after date we or either of us promise to pay Hardy Richardson administrator of the Estate of Benjamin & Celia Richardson deceased for the use and benefit of the heirs of said Estate the sum of Three thousand four hundred Eighty seven dollars thirty nine and one

third cents with eight per cent Interest thereon from due until paid--
value Received

his
Signed Lesly B Bankston
mark
Thomas Green Davidson

Parish of St. Helena La. Decr. 3rd 1855

Two years after date we or either of us promise to pay Hardy Richardson Administrator of the Estate of Benjamin and Celia Richardson deceased for the use and benefit of the heirs of said Estate the sum of three thousand four hundred and Eighty seven dollars thirty three and one third cents with eight per cent interest thereon from due until paid-----value received.

his
Signed Lesley B Bankston
mark
Thomas Green Davidson

Parish of St. Helena La. Decr. 3rd 1855

Three years after date we or either of us promise to pay Hardy Richardson Administrator of the Estate of Benjamin and Celia Richardson deceased for the use and benefit of the heirs of said Estate the sum of three thousand four hundred and eighty seven dollars thirty three and one third cents with eight per cent interest hereon from due until paid value received.

his
Signed Lesly B Bankston
mark
Thomas Green Davidson

Received of Hardy Richardson Administrator of the Estate of Benj. & Celia Richardson deceased the sum of nineteen hundred and seventy four dollars & 25/100 due by him to the minors of the estate aforesaid. The said Richardson reserving in his own hands for the purpose of effecting a settlement between himself and G. W. Martin the following notes to be handed over to the undersigned after said settlement between Martin and the said H Richardson one note on W. L. Morris for one hundred and fifty-two dollars one on W D Harris for \$45.75 one on Riley Bounds for \$20. one on J. Leu for \$18. and one on Wm. Kemp for \$487. and one on Lesly Bankston for \$96.54/100 and after the receipt of the above notes the undersigned grants to Hardy Richardson admr. --s tutor to the minor Children of the aforesaid estate a receipt for the above named amount this 28th^o day of May AD 1860.

Stephen D. Richardson
John Wadsworth

Parish St. Helena La. December 3rd 1855

Twelve months after date we or either of us promise to pay Hardy Richardson Administrator of the Estate of Benjamin and Celia Richardson deceased for the use and benefit of the heirs of the said Estate, the sum of fifteen hundred and -----forty seven dollars-----with Eight per cent Interest per annum from due until paid for value received.

Wm. J. Morris
E. F. Morris
Stephen D. Richardson

Clinton La. December 16th 1855

To the Hon. R. Richardson
Sibola La Sir

I desire to call your attention to the enclosed Bill which was contracted on the 7th and 10th of October 1854 - as you will preceive; with the understanding that it would be paid previous to the close of the year - it has been but a short time since I heard of the decease of the late Mrs. Celia Richardson and of your appointment as administrator to her Estate - the articles as enumerated were I believe intended for Bridal purposes of a member of her family - under the supposition that you had an agent at Greensburgh I visited that place a few days since but was unable to find one - on my return in an interview with Mr. Welsh a Lawyer of this place who gave me your address and stated that he deemed it only necessary to write you on the subject enclosing account to insure your prompt attention - would you be good enough to acknowledge the receipt of this at your very earliest convenience thereby confer an obligation on yours very respectfully etc

Benjn. Lyons
Clinton
Parish of East Feliciana, La.

ESTATE OF STEPHEN D. RICHARDSON

Eight pieces - 1866

Note: This was a brother of Hardy Richardson

Amite City December 1st 1869

Mr. H. Richardson Sir pleas (sic) pay Frank Broomfield or his son John six dollars and oblige yours

John W. Parker

This is to certify that S D Richardson has this day paid me one Hundred dollars on the order from L Alcus to Hardy Richardson in favor of myself and this order is credited with that amt. this 18th May 1863

Jesse Sanders

Received of Hardy Richardson the sum of two hundred and Sixteen dollars in part payment of a note held against him for three hundred & fifteen dollars in favor of Lesly Bankston & now held by S D Richardson
October 21st 1859 Stephen D Richardson

also fifty nine dollars be credited on said note to be paid J Murthene.
October 21t 1859 S D Richa(rdson)

Received H. Richardson admr of S D Richardson sum of Eleven Dollars & one cent in full for (torn) and Parish Tax for the year 1866
State 168 Jan 6th 1868
(torn) 67 John S Spring shff
(torn) 16 for John Wadsworth
Parish 870

\$200

Twelve months after date I promise to pay Stephen Mizell or bearer the sum of two hundred Dollars with eight per cent interest per annum^r from date until paid value Recd.

Washington Parish La

Stephen D. Richardson

May 1st 1863

(on back)

Received December the 20 1867 forty dollars on the within note

Money disbursed by Stephen D Richardson	\$ cts
Paid Dr Williams	230.00
Paid Dr Glover	90.00
Paid Hart	55.00
Paid John Bickham	65.00
Paid Frank S. Schwartz	51.00
Bill of goods bought in New Orleans	58.00
" " " " " B Rouge	73.00
Paid to T G Davidson	45.00
✓ Paid S B Draughan (?)	15.00
Paid Fountain	12.00
Paid W Kemp for lumber	62.25
Paid Dennis Jim for fixing mill saw	4.60
Paid McCoy for fixing mill iron cash	3.00
" " " on account	27.00
Paid McHatton Ward & Co.	100.00
Amount not Drawn on twelve bales cotton	146.00
forty dollars paid in mule trade	40.00
One bbl meat from Andrew Matta	22.00
Paid Mathew	13.00
Paid Buck	15.00
Paid for Shoes	13.00
	<u>1140.85</u>
Amount received on Cotton 6 bales	272.00
On twelve bales	496.00
Draft on Wright Williams & Co.	250.00
Draft on Thos. Prendergass	350.00
ll on Brander Williams & Co	75.00
	<u>\$1443.00 (sic)</u>
Balance on Settlement	<u>1140.00</u>
	303.00
James Ames Emerson	
Benjamin Richardson Esqr	
(on inside)	
amount due the bank	1150.00
amount due overseer	450.00
amount due Wright Williams & Co.	400.00
Necessary expenses	<u>250.00</u>
	\$2250

To the honorable the Judge of the Sixth Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana holding Session in and for the Parish of Washington

The petition of Hardy Richardson Administrator of the Succession of Stephen D Richardson deceased

Respectfully Represents that herewith he presents an account of his administration with the Succession of Stephen D. Richardson deceased Showing the various sums that have come in to his hands by virtue of his office and the payments to be made in accordance therewith.

Further Shows that the property Real and personal has been sold that the administrator is now ready to be closed further shows that the privilege claims take the entire succession leaving nothing to pay ordinary creditors with.

Wherefore Petitioner prays that due and legal notices of the filing of this within account be given and that the Heirs residing in the Parish have personal notice of the filing of this same and after due and legal proceedings had petitioner be authorized to make payments in accordance therewith that on payment he be discharged from his trust and his bond cancelled and for general Relief etc.

By his Attorney
John Wadsworth

(on back)

Dr Hardy Richardson Administrator in account
Assets (sic)

Amount
Dolls Cents

The administrator charges himself with
the sum of five hundred Dollars amount of
Cash as per inventory 500.00

The administrator charges himself with
the sum of Sixteen hundred and Sixty Two
Dollars fifty cents being amount Sales of
Succession property as per auction 1662.50
Total assets 2162.50

With the Succession of Stephen D Richardson Decd

Names of Creditors	Residence	Nature of Claim	Doll Cents	Remarks
Privileged Claims				
1. David Magee	Washington Par	Clerk	25.00	
2. John S Spring	" "	Shff	15.00	
3. B. W. Brumfield	" "	Recorder	25.00	
4. John Wadsworth	" "	Atty	100.00	
5. Hardy Richardson	" "	Admr Commst	28.75	
6.	" "	Funeral Exp	25.00	
7. G. W. Varnado	" "	Physician Bill	134.50	
8. Dr T D Dorusen	St. Tammany	" "	30.00	
9. W B Richardson	Mississippi	" "	15.00	
10. John S Spring	Washington Par	St.&Par.Tax	11.01	
11.	Internal Revenue	Int. Rev "	10.15	
12. Eliza E Richardson	Washington Par	Paraphenal Rts	2155.00	
Total Privilege claims			2474.41 (sic)	
Ordinary claims				
1. James Pierce	Washington Par	Note	921.55	
2. Leroy Thomas	St. Tammany	"	302.00	

3.	Cordilia Corin	Washington	Note	223.00
4.	Stephen Mizell	"	"	200.00
5.	John Wadsworth	"	"	50.00
6.	G H Penn	St Tammany	"	50.00
7.	James O Poole	Washington	"	105.00
8.	S R Poole	"	"	25.00
9.	S Ellis	"	"	56.00
10.	E S Babington	"	"	26.85
11.	J E Smith	Covington	act	18.00
12.	Morris & Crawford	New Orleans		<u>41.66</u>
Total ordinary claims				2018.40

(on back)

Service of the within petition and account acknowledged will plead as if legally cited and wore the formalities required by law
June the 15th 1869
Eliza E Richardson

Let the within account be filed let personal notice of the filing thereof be given to Mrs. Eliza E Richardson Tutrix and Surviving widow let legal notices issue

Sixth Judicial Dist Court State of Louisiana Parish of Washington
Succession of Stephen D Richardson--Final Account of Admr. Filed June 21st 1867 D Magee Clk Wadsworth Atty

Money deposited with Hardy Richardson by Eliza E Richardson June 15t 1866

June 13	Cash in Green backs	\$500.00	
	Paid out for Eliza E Richardson		
June 13	Cash to Dr G W Varnado Medical Bill	20.00	
" "	" " self E E Richardson	6.00	
" "	" " Dr Davidson medical Bill	30.00	
" "	" " Self E E Richardson	10.00	
" "	" " Warren for Stewarts cotton	15.00	
" "	" " on Hand	<u>160.00</u>	
		\$241."	

Less of \$12.50---

Money used by Hardy Richardson

June 13	Cash to D. L. Lober	\$ 30
" "	" " Alfred Fair	30
" "	" " S R Pool	5
" "	" " Jas O Pool	20
" "	" " A. C. Pool & D Miller, note furnished	54
" 20	" " pay Taxes	18.50
" 21	" " D. L. Mageehee	60."
" 23	" " self Hardy Richardson	24."
July 1	" " J Mayfield	<u>5."</u>
		\$246.50
	Leander Lewis	50."
	self H Richardson	14."
	M. J. Richardson	<u>5."</u>
		311.50
	Cash	<u>90</u>
		401.50

ESTATE OF JAMES ROBERTS
Three pieces - 1867

Statement of acts and orders belonging in Hands of J & C Roberts
Sales

Dec 1st 1859	L. D. Isom order	\$ 5.70
June 11th 1861	Joseph Jinkens acc	56.80
1860/61	Jasper R Smith acc	4.84
April 25th 1862	John James order	7.00
Feb'y 18th 1861	Frank Hinson acc	9.00
April 6th 1860	Davis Knippen "	12.65
Jany 25th 1860	Thomas Kemp "	9.15
April 15th 1861	Rebecca Magee "	3.90
Jany 4th 1861	Wm. S. Haley "	84.60
March 1 1861	R. S. Guin "	19.75
Dec 5th 1859	G. R. Gill "	29.28
Oct 29th 1860	Frank Gill "	23.43
June 4th 1861	James Ellzey "	7.60
April 5th 1860	Burrill Fortenbury acc	2.15
Sept 3rd 1859	Isaac Evans Order	15.00
June 11th 1861	Wm. Fortenbury acc	.95
Dec 20th 1861	L. J. Dennis "	2.75
Oct 25th 1860	W. G. Davis "	13.54
Nov 21 1859	Henry Buckh--(torn)	
Feb'y 6th 1860	T. T. B (torn)	

Another fragment which appears to be from the same estate of James Roberts:

	(Torn)	91.30
	(Torn) Strickland	128.18
	H. J. Singleton	71.90
	(Due---) day Wm. Stringfield	41.63
Jany 7th 1867	" day R. F. Simmons	33.03
(Mar)ch 7th 1867	" Nine mos. James Thigpen	36.38
(torn) 5th 1861	" Nine mos. Bosworth Strickland	63.00
Sept. 25th 1860	" Three mos. Warren Roberts	11.85
(torn) 5th 1861	" One day J. M. Shilling	184.91
Jany 5th 1861	" Sixty Days Wm. Roberts	43.63
April 20th 1862	" Six Mos. John Roberts	122.99
" 25th 1860	" O P. O. Roberts	14.39
June 13th 1859	" Six Mos. John Roberts	48.00
July 3rd 1862	" one day Soama Pitmon	30.06
March 25th 1862	" " day " do	5.00
" 7th 1867	" Nine Mos. Samuel Williams	91.86
April 30th 1861	" Eight do Dr. G. S. Megehee	176.78
Feb'y 25th 1861	" Ten do M. Murray	43.61
Aug 26th 1861	" one day James McDaniel	57.35
March 15th 1862	" " day F. M. Davis	6.75
" 7th 1867	" Nine Mos. Robert Kennedy	230.00
" 16th 1867	" " do. Thos. Gill	40.00
June 18th 1866	" Six Mos. N. Graves	93.62
" 18th 1866	" one Day Elbert Haley	32.06
March 4th 1867	" Nine Mos. W. J. Holmes	36.90
April 17th 1862	" One day Wm. Garner	39.80

July 30th 1861	Due Ninety Days Brother Hughes	49.82
March 8th 1862	" One day James Gill	14.75
Jany 12th 1861	" Ten days W. S. Haley	25.00
Sept. 26th 1859	" Three Mos. John Ellzey	15.00
April 24th 1862	" Sixty days Isaac Dykes	141.72
Dec. 24th 1862	" " do Josiah Crawford	22.50
Jany 1st 1862	" One Day John Ellzey	9.20
" 25th 1861	" Ten days J. A. Crawford	52.50
Dec. 4th 1862	" Sixty do Thos. Crawford	93.40
" 20th 1861	" " do L. L. Dillon	126.40
" 14th 1861	" one Day S. B. Draughn	9.50
Jany 1st 1861	" Twelve Mos. L. J. & J. Coney	12.70
May 26th 1860	" one Day Hanceford Dykes	18.13
Aug. 11th 1862	" Six Mos. N. A. Cutrer	45.99
May 16th 1862	" Six Mos. Jesse Crawford	70.90
March 27th 1860	" Nine Mos. Isaac Dykes	73.00
May 12th 1862	" Sixty days J. A. Cutrer	31.15
Jany 23rd 1861	" Ten days Charles Bancroft	298.68
Dec. 11th 1862	" Sixty days Abner Blades	156.62
March 30th 1860	" Twelve Mos. John W. Buckhalter	20.00
May 28th 1860	" Sixty Days Isaah Addison	63.65
Feby 4th 1860	" Ninety do J. J. Amacker	38.50
July 16th 1861	" " do W. C. Brumfield	33.85
Jany 14th 1861	" No do R. S. Guin	132.60
April 2nd 1862	" one Day A. Z. McKinney	47.30
Aug. 14th 1861	" Sixteen Mos. T. J. Miller	72.50
May 12th 1862	" Six do H. J. Mixon	14.50
Jany 23rd 1862	" One-day Henry McDaniel	116.24
July 1st 1859	" one day A. V. Kennedy	26.25
Feby 17th 1862	" one day John J Lewis	73.90
April 2nd 1862	" one day A. B. Mcalister	46.33
March 27th 1862	" one day Jesse Ott	16.55
Oct 25th 1865	" Twelve Mos. Charles Ott	108.00
" 25th 1865	" " " "	29.30
June 2nd 1860	" no days S. C. Ott	73.68
March 28th 1861	" Six Mos. Humphrey Pine	200.81
Feby 5th 1862	" one Day Alanson Parks	6.06
June 20th 1861	" Four Mos. " do	71.60
Jany 31st 1862	W. J. Hunt	132.60
Feby 5th 1861	Obe Tate	15.00
" 8th 1862	Hugh Hall	12.00
" 10th 1862	Isaah Hart	50.00
Aug 30th 1861	J. W. Foster	(torn)
Feby 3rd 1862	N. J. Hall	"
May 7th 1862	E. Cutrer	"
March 22, 1862	Henry McDaniel	"
Sept 2nd 1861	Thos. Tate	80.90
June 1st 1861	A. B. Quillin	483.04
May 1st 1861	A. T. Guy	81.17
July 21 1861	James Tompson	23.90
May 8th 1862	J. C. Roberts	19.40
Feby 5th 1862	James F. Young	23.78
Dec 19th 1862	Wm. H. Day	220.31
March 22 1862	Wm. L. Wall	10.90

Oct 4th 1861	W. C. Bridges	14.00
May 8th 1862	David Moore	37.15
June 9th 1860	" do	50.00
Feb'y 22 1861	Wm. Linsey	23.29
July 24th 1861	M. P. Day	28.16
Dec 4th 1861	F. M. Carter	15.50
Nov 10th 1860	Wm. H. Hamilton	44.25
Feb'y 22nd 1861	Due Ten Days J. P. Dillon	174.45
April 26th 1862	" one Day " " do	12.00
Jany 12th 1861	" Ten Days James T Dillon	117.80
In W. C. Harrell Hands - M. L. Tate		601.52
" W. C. Bridges do Matilda Simmons		80.00
June 18th 1866	One day E. Haley	<u>32.56</u>
		7804.66

Amt accts	<u>3725.91</u>
Total amount notes & accts with the	11530.57
Exception of them in--J. J. Slocum Hands	
which is about \$200.00/100	

Succession of James Roberts deced
Tableau of Distribution

Rent pd	David Magee Clerk Fees	\$20."
	John K. MLain, Recorders Fee	11.00
	N. Magees adminis "	85.00
	John Spring Sheriff "	11.50
Paid	John Wadsworth attorney "	85.00
Paid	Ellis & Davidson " "	<u>200.00</u>
Paid W. C. Tompkins claim		348.76
Paid Warren Crawford "		641.38
Paid Warren Crawford "		1404.00
H. W. L. Lewis "		372.00
Paid Warren Crawford "		<u>810.00</u>
Administrator retained for		3948.64
Contingences (?)		<u>911.36</u>
		4869.04 (sic)

The aggregate amount of the sales of Land Coming into the Hands
of the administrator \$4860 4860.00

The foregoing is a true Statement of the condition of the succession
of James Roberts decd. as Shown by the papers of file in the Clerks Office
Franklinton March 12t 1868.
(on back)

The Sheriff & Recorder Fee may be Selected. The claim of Watts Pleasants
& Co is \$515 with 8 per cent Interest till paid

6th Judl. Dist Court, Ph. Washington, State of Louisiana, Succession
of James Roberts decd--Administrators Final account

(Number at top of paper) 2642

Jane Roberts part	21."	Heirs of J Roberts part	\$21."
Paid admis	<u>20."</u>	Paid admis	<u>20."</u>
	1."		1."

Minor Heirs of Dr Alford part	\$21."
Paid by note	<u>20."</u>
	1."

Ann Roberts part	\$21.11
	<u>4.68</u>
	25.79

1210
<u>714(sic)</u>
980
<u>35</u>
1015

Credits	
Calf	6.50
Sales	5.
Cows	<u>5.00</u>
Cotton	3 (torn)
	(torn)

(on back)

Mrs. C. Roberts	168.93
Each heirs Part	21.11

Each Heirs share	21.11
Isaac Roberts paid	<u>20."</u>

Mrs. C. Roberts paid	\$160.
Leaving balance due adm	<u>8.93</u>

Due adms	<u>1.11</u>
	<u>4.68</u>
	5.79

Frank Roberts part	\$21.11
Paid admis	<u>20."</u>
Due	<u>1.11</u>
Celia Magees part	21.11
Paid admis	<u>20."</u>
Due	\$ 1.11

Geo Roberts paid	\$21 (torn)
Paid admis	(torn)

ESTATE OF ROBERT M. SIMMONS Thirteen pieces - 1841

Succession of Robert M. Simmons -- 6 Jud Dist. Court Parish of Washington State of Louisiana

Received of T. C. Bunch clerk of the Parish and Court aforesaid One hundred & Twenty Eight Dollars. The balance of my Heirship of the above named succession inherited to Johan and Anna Simmons they never having called for the amount and the same was adjudged to the Heirs present. This 26th day of October 1868

Eleanor C. Daze

Succession of R. M. Simmons Decd.

1850 Nov 18 To S. W. Bickham Recorder Dr

To Taking Inventory and Recording and making copy of the Same

\$65 Received Payment

Aug 26th 1852

S. W. Bickham Recorder

Received of Hardy Richardson administrator of the Estate of Robert Simmons Deceased by the Hands of David Young Esqr the Sum of Fifty Dollars-added to previous Sum of fifty Dollars is in full for my professional services rendered to the Succession of the Said Robert M. Simmons, under contract with the administrator November 20th 1852.

Paris Childress

\$14.00

Washington Parish March 4th 1851

Twelve Months after date we or either of us promise to pay Hardy

Richardson Administrator of the Estate of Robert M. Simmons deceased,
or bearer the Sum of Fourteen dollars and no cents for value Received
with eight per cent Interest per annum from date until paid.

Attest
Wm. J. Simmons

his
William X Williams
mark
his
John X Harper
mark

Recd Franklinton La. March 22 1868
of David Magee Clerk of the 6th Judl District Court in and for the
Parish of Washington the sum of fourty four and 50/100 (\$44.50/100)
Dollars the same being one fourth of Mrs. Rebeca Davison heirship in
the succession of Robert M. Simmons Decd and same being my portion in
full in said Estate as the Descendant of Mrs. Rebeca Davis Decd.

Attest her
W. H. Lillard Elizabeth X Miller
W. C. Bridges his mark
L. L. Taylor F. M. X Miller
mark

Recd Franklinton December 13th AD 1867
of David Magee Clerk of the 6th Judl Dist. Court of the State of La
for the Parish of Washington the sum of twenty five Dollars as my portion
of the funds belonging to the succession of Robert Simmons Deceased
same having been deposited by H. Richardson administrator of said suc-
cession by order of said Court

J. M. Simmons

Succession of Robert M. Simmons decd	8 Judicial District Court
To Sheriffs Fees Dr	
To posting 3 notices for appt of administrator	\$1.50
" traveling 40 miles at 5 cts per mile	2.00
" Advertising sale of Personal property	1.00
" Travelling 56 miles at 5 cts	2.80
" Readvertising said property	1.00
" Travelling 40 miles at 5 cts per mile	2.00
" percentage on \$500 at 1 per cent	5.00
" Do on \$22.98 at 1-----	" 22
Total amount	<u>\$15.52</u>
Sale of Land negroes & Housing slaves	\$ 1.50
Advertising Sale	1.00
Travelling 90 miles at 5 cts	4.50
Recorders certificate	1.00
per centage of \$2500 - at 1 per cent	25.00
" " " 1368 " $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	6.84
Total amount -	<u>\$39.84</u>

Taxes due for the year 1851	12.51
Total amount	<u>\$67.87</u>

Received payment Franklinton August 10th A.D. 1852
Recd payment T. C. Bickham Shrff

Succession of Robert M. Simmons
ton State of Louisiana

6 Jud. Dist Court Parish of Washing-

Received of T. C. Bunch, clerk of the Parish and Court aforesaid,
Fifty Dollars, part of my Heirship of the above named succession inherited
to John and Anna Simmons, they never having called for the amount and the
same was adjudged to the Heirs present. This 26th day of October 1868
Eleanor C. Day

State of Louisiana

Parish of Washington

Articles of an agreement this day entered
into between the Heirs of Robert Simmons

deceased that is to say Whereas Robert M. Simmons Heir of said deceast
(sic) Relinquishes all Right title and interest to all the Personal
Property (sic) of the Estate of said deceased, two gray Mares Excepted,
to the undersigned heirs and the said undersigned heirs Relinquishes all
Right title and interest to the tract of Land where on deceased died
bounded as follows west by Bogue Chitto north by Jesse Day East by R.
M. Simmons South by J. M. Simmons unto the said Robert M. Simmons on
condition of his the R. M. Simmons being Responsible (sic) to the then
absent heirs of said deceased in a Proportionate amount with all the
other heirs of said deceased absent heirs Elizabeth Wills Jane Rautstan
John Simmons Anna Williams, January the 13th 1844

Attested by the Hon. Benjamin Richardson and Thomas Bickham

Thos Bickham

Benj Richardson

W. W. Simmons

Rebeca Dias

Eleanor C. Day

William Day

James R Williams

Robert M. Simmons

Received of Hardy Richardson the sum of fifty dollars the full amount
of E Davis heirship in the Estate of Robert Simmons decd, and her share
of John & Jane Simmons portion or heirship--and Six dollars of the above
fifty is to be paid to Jane Davis Jany 7th 1868

N. S. McCain

(on back)

Ellen Davis now Nic McCains wife Receipt for her Heirship in the Estate
of Robt M. Simmons decd amt \$50 date Jany 14/68

Robert Simmons	1850	Dr	
to J. W. Andrews			
Feb. 6th to four Drinks at 5¢			\$.20
17th to Cash loaned			1.00
" to 2 Drinks flask & full			.35
28 to 5 drinks and 1 pt.			35
" 5 Do Do			25
April 1st 1 gallon whiskey for order			50
6 2 gallons "			1.00
8 ½ gal Whiskey			25
19 ½ gal "			25
May 13 1 qt Whiskey			15
17 1 Drink			05

May 21	to 2 Drinks	10
	to 1 gallon Whiskey	10
	to 2 Drinks	10
25	1 gallon Whiskey	50
27	1 quart Do	15
27	1 " "	15
28	1 gallon Whiskey	50
June 8	1 bottle Whiskey to drink	25
		<u>\$6.60</u>

(on back)

The State of Louisiana

Parish of Washington

Personally came and appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace for the 6th Ward and Parrish and State afforesaid (sic) Jacob W. Andrews and after being duly sworn depose and says the within account against Robert Simmons is just and true to the best of his knowledge Sworn to and subscribed before me on this

20th day of Jan 1851

J. W. Andrews

Alfred Richardson

J Peace

Recd Franklinton September 4th of H Richardson Esq the Sum of Fifty Dollars part fee for service rendered in the Estate of R. M. Simmons by agreement with administration during the term of its Liquidation---
Paris Childress

Recd of Hardy Richardson Thirty five Dollars in full of my share of the Joseph Lewis Debts Sept 4th 1852
Paris Childress

Succession of Robert M. Simmons to James R. Williams Dr

1851 To Services Rendered in taking care of the premises and
March 6th property belonging to the Estate Horses, cattle, Hogs Sheep
etc, from the 19th November 1850, to the first day of February
1851 making seventy two days at fifty cents per day. Thirty
Six dollars -- \$36.00
To Services Rendered in taking care of the premises

Feeding and attending to the Horses, cattle, Hogs, sheep etc from the first
day of February 1851, to the first day of March 1851 at twenty five cents
making twenty eight days Seven dollars--- 7.00
To the making of 6 pair shoes for negroes at
fifty cents a pair three dollars 3.00
Total amount \$46.00

Stephen Ellis

vs

J. M. Simmons &

Hardy Richardson

Administrator

8 Judicial District Court

Parish of Washington

State of Louisiana

Received of Hardy Richardson administrator of the Estate of Robert

M. Simmons deceased the sum of Four hundred and seventeen dollars and seventy three cents the full amount of the Judgment and Interest in the above entitled amt.

Franklinton August 24th 1852

Stephen Ellis

ESTATE OF DAVID SUMMER

Three pieces - 1867

Note: He is buried in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery for which he donated land, near Angie, Louisiana

Succession of David Summers Dec.	To John S Spring Sheriff on	
June the 26, 1867	To posting 5 judicial notices	\$1.50
	Milage on Same	<u>5.00</u>
Total amount when finished		\$6.50

W. R. H. Faulk adms

vs

Nancy Summers

To John S Spring Sheriff Dr

To empanelling (sic) Jury \$100

1867 Sucession of David Summers decd

Sept 2 To posting 3 notices & mila

\$4.70

Dec 23 To posting 3 notices & mila

4.60

ESTATE OF JOHN WARREN

One fragment - 1856 (Estate settled in Marion County, Mississippi)

\$497.82 Received of Jesse Warren, Liberty Warren, and W. M. Rankin Extr. of the will of John Warren decd. Four Hundred and Ninety Seven 82/100 Dollars - in full of my distribution share of said Estate and in satisfaction of a decree in my favour made by Marion Probate Court at May term 1856 Dated this-----

By that Gideon you brought served
"L. L." militia and is Discharged from
Duty March 21 1815
John K Goff Capt

The above is the discharge paper of Gideon Yorbrough from the 12th - 13th Louisiana Militia, War of 1812. It was signed by John K. Goff, Captain, on March 21, 1815.

Hardy Richardson assisted many veterans of the War of 1812 with their pension and bounty claim applications. This is the most probable reason why this small document was in his files.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS DEALING WITH LAW SUITS
BEGINNING IN 1849

FLEET MAGEE VS PENDAVAIS

One piece - 1849

Justices Court Recd of Hardy Richardson for John T Sibley sixteen Dollars being the full amt of Judgment in the above suit April 30th 1849.

Jas. A. Jordan

STATE VS JOHN W. BRUMFIELD

One piece - 1854

Asstt & Battery 8 District Court, Parish Washington State of Louisiana
November Term 1854

		To Clerks Acts Dr	
June 20	To filing Indictment		\$.10
Aug 3	" Issuing Copias		.75
Sept 4	" filing Do		.10
"	" " Bond		.10
Nov 16	" Issuing 2 Subpoenas		.60
" 17	" Filing Do		<u>.20</u>
			1.85
	Sheriffs Cost		4.00
	District Attorneys Fee		<u>10.00</u>
	Sum total		<u>\$15.85</u>
Due by John W. Brumfield			

STATE VS JACOB ELLIOTT

One piece - 1854

The condition of the above note is this, Hardy Richardson stood Jacob Elliott security for his appearance at the next Term of the 8 Judicial district Court, now if the said Jacob Elliot shall will and truly appear at said Court on the third Monday in June next 1855 there held in the town of Franklinton to answer to a charge there pending against him for assault & battery and then to continue from day to day in term time and from Term to Term until discharged by the court, then the above note is null & void December the 1st 1854

(One name torn)
Hardy Richardson

STATE OF LOUISIANA VS F. P. ADAMS

One piece - 1854

Eighth Judicial District Court
Term 1854

The STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO Leroy Thomas Dr. To attending four days as a witness in the above prosecution on the part of the State at \$1 per day

To travelling one hundred miles at 5 cents per mile,	\$4.00
	<u>5.00</u>
Total amount	\$9.00

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22 day of Nov A.D. 1854
 Stephen Albritten Clerk Leroy Thomas

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
 Parish of Washington

I, Stephen Albritton, Clerk of the Eighth District Court, holden in and for the Parish of Washington, do certify the above account to be in conformity with the Register on file in my office. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal of said Court, this 22 day of Nov A.D. 185- Stephen Albritton Clerk.

The Treasurer of the State of Louisiana will pay the above account of nine dollars --- cents, to Leroy Thomas agreeably to an act to establish an explicit Fee Bill, section the eleventh, approved 28th March, 1813.
 November 22 1854 G. W. Watterson
 Judge 8th Judl Dist La

State of Louisiana
 Parish of Washington

I Stephen Albritton Clerk of said Court certify the foregoing account to be duly registered in my office, together with the affidavit, and warrant of the Judge.

In testimony whereof, I have set my hand and seal of office, this
 22 day of Nov A.D. 1854
 Stephen Albritton Clerk

JAP MAPLES ET ALS VS SARAH SMITH
 Four pieces - 1855

Eighth Judicial District Court,
 June Term, AD 1855

To Wm. Bagley Dr. To attending Eight days as a witness in the above suit,	
on the part of the defendant at \$1 per day	\$8--
To travelling ---miles, at 5 cets, per mile,	\$----
Total amount	

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this	Wm. Bagley
15 day of June A.D. 1855	P. Dickinson
Geo W Gilbert D Clk	

John A P Maples et all
 vs

Eighth Judicial District Court,
 June Term, 1855

To Wm. Morse Dr. To attending Seven days as a witness in the above suit, on the part of the defts at \$1 per day	\$7.00
To travelling no miles, at 5 cts. per mile,	<u>\$000</u>
Total amount,	\$7.00

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this	
13 day of June A.D. 1855	William Morse
Wm. B Hosmer Clk	

John A P Maples
 vs

8th Dist Court Ph Washington
 Louisiana

Mittz & Jeincy
 Minors paid by Hardy Richardson

John A P Maples Note	\$260
James Daniels "	30
Wm Purse witness	10
Chas Morgan Shff	50.50
Wm B Hosmer Clk	64.00
James Daniels Witness	8.00
D R Morgan	5.85
Total	\$428.25
Paid by A. G. Penn	96.00
	<u>\$332.25</u>
Division	\$166.12

J. A. P. Maples

vs

Mitty, Sarah & Children

8th Dist Court

To Sheriffs Office Dr

1854 Nov 18th rec^d this day Mitty & her 8 children in Custody

14 days	31.50
Dec 2nd Sarah & her 2 children 6 days	4.50
Citation & petition	1.00
Sequestration of Sarah & Children	2.00
8 Citation & petition on E Toosing	1.00
1855 Taking 2 Bonds	1.00
June 5 Serving 7 Summons to witnesses	2.80
Mileage on the Same	2.20
12 Summons to 6 witnesses	2.60
Mileage 24 miles	1.20
trial by Jury	1.00
	<u>\$50.60</u>

Covington June 20th 1855

Received payment

Angus Bowie

Morgans Atty--

HARRISON & CUTRER VS DAVID MIZELL

One piece - 1857

To the honorable the Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana holding session in and for the Parish of Washington The petitions of George P Harrison and Isaac W Cutrer merchants trading under the firm and Style of Harrison and Cutrer in the Town of Osyka Pike county State of Mississippi

Respectfully Represents That David Mizell of the Parish of Washington is Justly indebted to your petitioners in the Sum of One hundred and Eighteen dollars Eighty cents with Eight per centum Interest per anum thereon from the 18th day of November A D 1836 till paid as will more fully appear by the annexed promissory note made part hereof and reference prayed thereto for greater certainty Bearing date Franklin-ton La Nov 18th 1836 payable ten days after date to the order of Harrison & Cutrer for the aforesaid Sum of One hundred & Eighteen dollars from date till paid Petitioners avers (sic) that they are the owners & holders of the Said note that the Same has been demanded of the Said David Mizell who neglects & refuses to pay the Same or any part thereof notwithstanding the Same has been amicably demanded.

Therefore petitioners Bring Suit and prays that the Said David Mizell be legally cited to appear and answer the demand contained in

this petition and after all due & legal proceedings had thereon the premises considered your Petitioner prays that the Said David Mizell be ordered condemned and adjudged to pay your Petitioner the aforesaid Sum of One hundred & Eighteen dollars Eighty cents with interest at Eight per cent per anum from the 18th day of November A D 1836 till paid and for cost of Suit and for general Relief & petitioners in duty Bound will ever pray & C

John Wadsworth

Atty for Petitioners

I accept Service of the within petition and waive the service of the formality of citation, and confess Judgment for the amount claimed in the petition. November 14t 1857-----

Attest

David Mizell

Hardy Richardson

(Attached promissory note)

Dolls. 118 80/100

Washington Parish

Franklinton La. Nov. 18th. 1836

Ten days after date I promise to pay to the order of Harrison & Cutrer One Hundred & Eighteen 80/100 Dollars for value Recd. with Eight per Cent Interest per annum from date until paid----

Attest

David Mizell

M. Henman

ALEX MAGEE VS SIMON P. HOLDEN

One piece - 1865

To the Honorable the Judge of the Sixth Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, holding sessions of the same in and for the Parish of Livingston

The petition of Alexander Magee a resident of the Parish of Washington, said State,

respectfully represents, That Simon P. Holden of the Parish of Livingston said State is Justly and Legally indebted unto Petitioner, in the amount hereinafter set forth for this to wit--That in the month of August AD 1861, he entered into the following contract with said S. P. Holden, to wit, Petitioner exchanged, and delivered to the said Simon P. Holden a sorrel Stallion, sixteen hands high, seven years old, blazed face, with three white feet, worth at least the sum of three hundred & fifty dollars, in consideration of which exchange and delivery, the said Simon P. Holden agreed and bound himself to deliver unto Petitioner, as property in full conveyed from & by said Holden unto Petitioner, in the Spring of the following year (AD 1862), nine young cows, each with a suckling calf, each of which (cow & calf) were well worth the sum of twenty five dollars in gold,--or in all, the sum of two hundred & twenty five dollars,--That in the spring following at the proper time Petitioner demanded of the said Simon P. Holden, the said nine cows, with their calves, when the said Holden refused to deliver the same to him, and he has persistently refused ever since to deliver them, and now he retains the said cows and calves, with their increase, as well as the said horse--to the great damage of Petitioner, and received from Petitioner his (Petitioner's) horse without giving in return either the cattle agreed upon, or any consideration whatever-- Petitioner shows that

the increase of said cows and calves up to the present time is equal in value to the sum of two hundred and twenty five dollars--and that said cows with their increase are worth the sum of four hundred & fifty dollars ---which amount said Holden owes Petitioner in the premises, in default of his compliance with his contract, in the delivery of said cattle with their increase by nature and in value-- That by the failure of said S. P. Holden to deliver said Cattle, Petitioner and his family were deprived of their use and benefit, and that the use & fruits of said cattle, in milk, butter, beef &c would have benefitted Petitioner & his family in the sum of at least one hundred dollars, and that said Holden by his wrongful and wanton violation of his contract has thus damaged Petitioner in said last named amount (\$100) and caused him loss therein -- That said loss and deprivation came in time of the greatest need, to wit, during the late war, and while Petitioner was absent from home in the military service of his country -- That said violation was active and wanton, and has ever been persisted in, notwithstanding demand amicably made, at the time specified and often since --- That therefore said Simon P. Holden is bound to Petitioner in the said sum of four hundred & twenty five dollars, or to deliver said cattle with their increase, and to pay additionally the sum of one hundred dollars damages aforesaid----- (The following in parentheses had lines drawn through it but was still legible)

(That under the laws of the de facto state government during said time, all prescription of every character was empended, and moreover Petitioner was a confederate soldier, and hence unable to act in the premises, and that therefore no prescription had run against his claim.)

Therefore he brings suit, prays that said Simon P. Holden may be legally cited to answer this demand, and after all due proceedings had, that he do have and recover Judgment against said Simon P. Holden ordering him (said Holden) to deliver said Cattle with their increase aforesaid, or in default thereof, to pay Petitioner said sum of four hundred & fifty (\$450) dollars--and also to pay the sum of one hundred dollars damages unto Petitioner, and further he prays for costs of suit, and general relief in the premises and as &c -----

Oct. 1865

Alexander Magee

C. T. GORMAN VS JOS. ARONSTEIN (?)

One piece - 1866

6th Judl. Dist Court State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

Received of J. R. Wood the sum of Forty Dollars in the above entitled suit, to be placed to the credit of the defendant, Aronstein

Franklinton La

J. J. Slocum atty

March 3rd 1866

for Plff.

WM. L. HUTCHINSON VS S. D. & HARDY RICHARDSON

One piece - 1867

\$60.00 Recd. Washington Parish March 27th 1867 of Hardy Richardson, Sixty Dollars in gold in full for professional services in the case of Wm. L. Hutchinson vs S D & Hardy Richardson, on the Docket of the 6th Judl Dist Court for the Parish of St Helena-----

E. F. Russell

HARDY RICHARDSON VS ANDREW JOHNSON

One piece - 1881

Tangipahoa, Feby 6th 1881

Captn.

Below find acc for fees due J. Peace & Dept Sheriff in above entitled cause.

Justice of Peace fees	\$1.75
Depty Sheriff's fees	1.50
Total	<u>\$3.25</u>

Please send by Mr. Broomfield and oblige yours truly

W. H. Kenman

JOHN R. WOOD VS S. A. SMITH

2 pieces - 1875

State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

Justice Court
Ward No 3

Before me the undersigned authority personally appeared John R Wood a resident of said Parish & State, who being duly sworn deposes & says that S. A. Smith is justly & legally indebted to this affiant in the full sum of Forty one 35/100 dollars. That said sum is due to this affiant for board & lodging of said Smith at various times. That Thirty five 85/100 dollars of said sum is evidenced by the due bill of said Smith of date Aug 22nd 1875, since which date said Smith has continued to board & lodge with affiant for which he is indebted to affiant in the further sum of Five 50/100 Dollars, making said aggregate of Forty one 35/100 dollars, That affiant has the privilege of inn Keeper upon the property & effects of the said Smith. That the said Smith has property & effects in said Parish subject to affiant's lein & privilege & this affiant has reason to believe & does believe that said Smith will remove said property out of the jurisdiction of this honl. Court unless restrained by process of law. Wherefore affiant prays for a writ of Provisional seizure, directed to sheriff of said Parish commanding him to provisionally seize & take into his possession the property & effects of said Smith found in said Parish to an amount sufficient to pay & satisfy the demand of affiant & all costs, & the same safely keep subject to the further order of this hon'l court. Sworn to & Subscribed before me this Sept 15th 1875

To the Sheriff of the Parish of Washington State of Louisiana Greeting:

You are hereby commanded and ordered to seize provisionally the chatels, goods, effects rights, credits &c of S. A. Smith, the Defendant in this case, to an amount sufficient to pay and satisfy the demand of John R. Wood in the sum of Forty-one 35/100 Dollars (\$41.35) and all costs that may accrue in said case, and you are further ordered and directed to Keep and detain in your possession all property goods chatels effects rights &c which may be seized by you until the further orders of this Court, and how you shall have executed this writ of Provisional Seizure make due returns according to law.

Given under my hand officially on this the 15th day of
September A.D. 1875

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

FOUR MISCELLANEOUS DEEDS

Know all men by these presents that I Phillip Magee has bargained sold and Delivered and by these presents Do bargain sell and Deliver unto Robert Simmons (torn) improvement lying on the east side of boguechitto (sic) between William Lawrence and Henry Day which improvement I the sd. Philip Magee Do warrant and Defend from me and my heirs forever in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 13th Day of January 1809

Thomas Bickham

Abner Bickham

Philip Magee

State of Louisiana

Parish St. Tamany

Personally appeared Philip Magee & acknowledges his signature, to the same for the uses & purposes above mentioned this 12th day

of Octr. 1812 Before me, Thos. C. Warner P.J.

(on back)

Philip Magee

Recorded in Book No 1 page 38 No 83 the 14th Octr 1812 there being no

Seal of office-----Thos. C. Warner P.J.

The State of Louisiana

Parish of Washington

1248224

Be it known and remembered that on this the twentieth day of October Eighteen hundred

& fifty Six I Charles Toney of the state & Parish aforesaid has this day bargained sold and does by these presents grant bargain and sell unto Hardy Richardson also of the state & Parish aforesaid a certain Section of Land lying and being situated in the said state & Parish of Washington on Warners Creek containing Six hundred & forty acres with all the improvements thereon situated and Bounded as follows, on all sides by Public land, the said land to the said purchaser I the said seller to warrant and defend the right of myself or any other persons.

This sale is made for the price and sum of one hundred dollars cash in hand this done and passed in the Parish of Washington in the presence of Wm. C Toney & Elias Jenkins all of the Parish of Washington & witnesses of lawful age & domicil date above written the witness not knowing how to write sign by making their ordinary mark

his

Wm C X Toney

Hardy Richardson

markhis

Elias X Jenkins

mark

State of Louisiana

Parish of St Tammany

Whereas I Abraham Penn Sheriff of the parish of St Tammany State of Louisiana By virtue of an order of

Seizure and Sale bearing date the Twenty eighth day of January Eighteen hundred and forty three, from the Honble the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana in and for the parish of St Tammany issued

in the Suit wherein the Union Bank of Louisiana was the plaintiff and Joseph Letchworth and Martha Richardson his wife were the defendants, and numbered on the docket of said Court Six hundred and thirty Six, and to me directed against certain mortgaged property described in said writ aforesaid, as the property of Joseph Letchworth and Martha Richardson his wife.

Did Seize the property hereinafter Set forth on Saturday the Twenty Eighth day of January Eighteen hundred and forty three, To wit " a certain Tract of Land, lying and being situate in this parish, well known as the Strawberry Bluff on the Bogue Chitto River containing Six hundred and forty acres, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, Slaves Peter, a man aged thirty Six years, Peggy A Woman aged thirty four Years, Cloe aged Eleven years, Alfred aged nine years, Daniel aged Six years, Sarah aged four years, and two children born since the execution of the mortgage, by the defendants to the plaintiff and gave to the defendant on the Same day a Notice of Such Seizure, and awaiting the time to elapse as required by Law,

And On Wednesday the first day of february Eighteen hundred and forty three, I advertised by posting up three notices one at the Court House Town of Covington and the two others at two public places in this parish and according to Law; that I would expose to public Sale at the Door of the Court House town of Covington on Saturday the fourth day of March Eighteen hundred and forty three at the hour of Eleven Oclock AM, all the right title interest and claim of the said Joseph Letchworth and Martha Richardson his wife in and to the above described mortgaged property, Terms of sale Cash, and on the fourth day of March Eighteen hundred and forty three at the hour of Eleven Oclock AM at the door of the Court house town of Covington I proceeded to offer the above described property for sale after having read in an audible voice the advertisement and a certificate of the Recorder of Mortgages of this Parish - dated the fourth March 1843 showing that there existed no mortgage on said property except a special mortgage for the sum of one Thousand Three hundred dollars as per act passed on the 30th September 1839 in favor of the said Union Bank of Louisiana also a Judicial Mortgage in favor of Joseph Kirkland for the sum of Two hundred and forty nine dollars and sixteen cents--- When Benjamin Richardson became the purchaser of the above described slaves to wit Peter a man aged 33 years Peggy a woman aged 34 years Cloe a girl aged 11 years Alfred a boy aged 9 years Daniel a boy aged 6 years Sarah a girl aged 4 years and two children born since the execution of the mortgage for the price of Thirteen hundred dollars he being the last and highest bidder for which the said Benjamin Richardson produced the receipt of Jacob Holby agent of the Union Bank of La. for the aforesaid Sum of Thirteen hundred dollars

Now therefore Know all men by these presents that I the said sheriff do in consideration of the premises and by virtue of the Law in such cases made and provided grant Bargain Sell assign and set over unto the said Benjamin Richardson his heirs and assigns all the right title interest and claim which the said Joseph Letchworth and his wife Martha Richardson had in and to said slaves, on the 30th day of September AD 1839 or at any time since to have and to hold the same to the said Benjamin Richardson his heirs and assigns forever In faith whereof I have hereunto set my hand in my official capacity in the town of Covington Parish and State aforesaid this the fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and forty four

Signed in presence of

H. D. Tate

E. W. Moore

Abraham Penn Shff

I hereby certify the foregoing to be truly Recorded in the Book of Sheriff Sales extant in this office at Pages 643, 644, & 645 In faith of which I have affixed the Impress of Seal of said Court and signed my name hereunto officially. Clerks office Covington. This Thirteenth day of May Eighteen hundred & forty four

W. B. Hosmer Clk

State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

Be it Remembered that on this sixteenth day of
March A.D. 1847 & of the Independence of the

United States of America the Seventy first

I Benjamin Richardson and Mistress Celia Bankston wife of the said Richardson & of lawful age both of said Parish have for the consideration herein after expressed bargained sold and delivered unto Mistress Rebecca Terry wife of Alexander C Bickham of this Parish and the lawful heirs of her body the said Mistress Rebecca Bickham being herein assisted by her said husband the negro man slave named Armsted dark complexion thirty eight years of age, more or less, a slave for life, but it is well understood that the sellers gives no guarantee except for the title to the slave herein sold the purchaser Risks the vices &C - to have and to hold the slave Armsted to the said Mrs Bickham her heirs & assigns to their proper use benefit & behoof forever

And the said Mistress Celia Richardson hereby renounces forever all of her right title interest or claim to the said Armsted arising from any cause whatever and Joins with her said husband Jusolid (sic) for the purpose of perfecting this title and for the purposes above mentioned

This sale is made for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred & fifty Dollars Cash in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged & a full acquittance granted therefor signed & delivered in presence of Hardy Richardson and C P Baily witnesses of this Parish of lawful age who have signed their names hereto date above written.

Hardy Richardson
C.P. Bailey

Benj. Richardson
C Richardson
Rebecca T. Bickham
A C Bickham

State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

Personally came and appeared before me S. W.
Bickham Recorder of the Parish of Washington

Mr. C P Bailey a citizen of said Parish who after being duly sworn did declare and say that he saw the parties sign the above instrument on the day therein named for the uses and purposes therein contained and that he also saw Hardy Richardson sign with himself as witnesses to the same Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day C P Bailey
of March A.D. 1847 S. W. Bickham Recorder

State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

I hereby certify the foregoing deed to be truly
Recorded in the notarial Register of this Parish
in Book C page 174 and No 177 In faith of which

I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed my Seal of office
this twenty seventh day of March AD Eighteen hundred and forty seven

S. W. Bickham Recorder

State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

Be it Known and Remembered on this 26th day of
May A.D. 1851---I Rebecca Terry wife of Alexander

C Bickham duly authorized and assisted by her said Husband and the purchaser
within named---has this day bargained sold transfered and assigned all my
rights title interest and claim to Benjamin Richardson the within named
seller to the slave Armstead also Named within--the right of the slave
Armstead I warrant & forever defend--from my heirs and assigns--forever--
This sale is made for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars
cash in hand paid---

This done at the Parish of Washington in the presence of Brother Hughes
and Hardy Richardson witnesses date above written

Brother Hughes

Rebecca T Bickham

Hardy Richardson

A C Bickham

CORRESPONDENCE DEALING WITH LAND CLAIMS & HOMESTEADS

Amite City La
August 7th 1879

Hon Hardy Richardson

Dear Hardy

I Recd. yours of date 4th inst to day contents noted, I
have a memorandum of the Lee tract but as yet it is not on the rolls for
the reason I have just completed my resident roll & now commencing on the
non resident I have it appraised at \$300--the portion that lay on this
side of the river, & also have it assessed for three years back, If the
whole tract has been assessed heretofore in Washington Parish I will not
back assess it. If you have any thing to suggest let me know at once &
I will comply with your request

The Editor of the Independant charges for Homestead applications \$1--
sgr (?) for first insertions & 50c for every subsequent insertion five
insertions is required, 12 lines to the sgr (?) & a fraction over 12 lines
count as a square, he can put as many as you send in one notice, I enclose
your notices so you can count for yourself, they generally count from 2
to 3 squares-----

Yr friend

Dan T Settoon

U S Land Office New Orleans

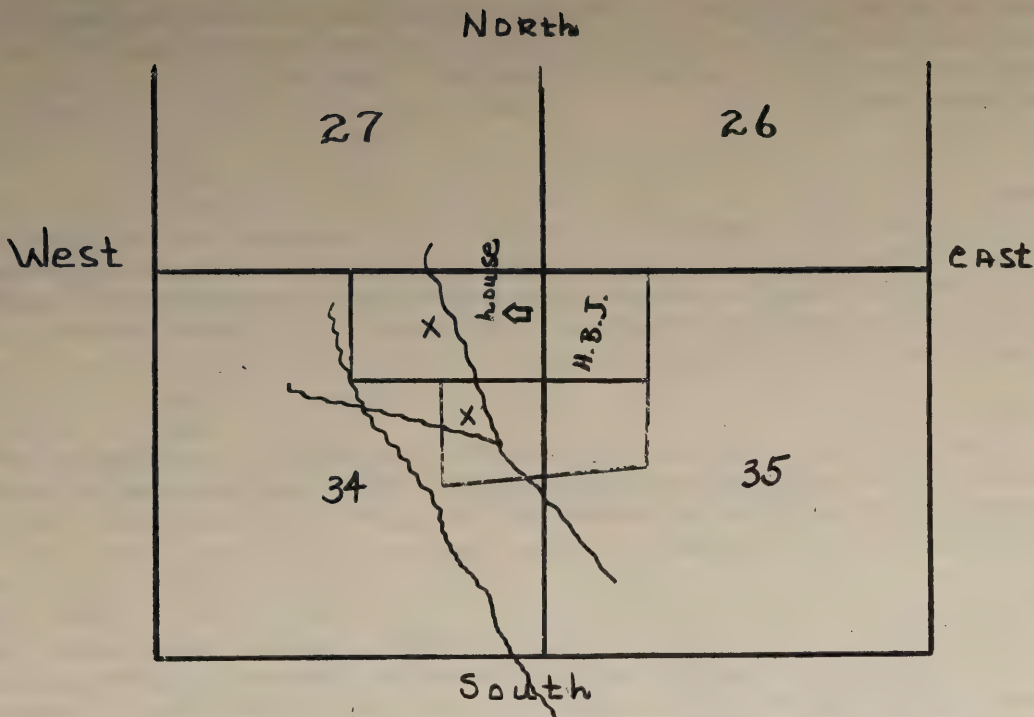
Aug 23/72

Received of Hardy Richardson Esqr James Roberts Receipt No 1935 dated
Greensburg Aug 9 1854 for NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 30 T 1S R9E to be sent to
Washington for patent

Chas Barneal
Register

Received New Orleans La June 15th 1875. of Judge Hardy Richardson, the
sum of \$8.00 for an application of Homestead entry to be made in the name
of Daniel E. Tate upon the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec No 31 TplSR9E Greensburg Dist
La-----Received Receipt to be given when entry is made

Thos J Tully



The above is a true and correct plot of the land entered by James Strahan as his homestead This the 8 day of August A.D. 1879

V. V. Varnado, Par Surveyor

P.S. marked trees
dwelling house



U. S. Consolidated Land Office,
District of Louisiana

New Orleans, La., March 29th 1873

Hon Hardy Richardson

Dear Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you for delivery Isaac Roberts patents No 2766 please to acknowledge the receipt

Very Respectfully

Chas Barneal Register

United States Cons. Land Office

New Orleans, La. November 16th 1876

Judge Hardy Richardson

Dear Sir

Herewith please find Receipt and certificate in entry of Granville Tate and permit me at the same time to extend to you my most heartfelt congratulations upon your success to the Senate. I am inexpressibly delighted to see that the commonwealth of old Washington, has at last recognized the want, long felt, of a representative in our legislative halls that is free from the taint of corruption and dishonor that has brought upon this once prosperous section the misery and distress that now seems about to engulf us in everlasting ruin. Would that every senator in our next senate could merit the Just tribute of respect so well earned in your case. And when such men as you are recognized by our people and placed at the helm of our

state we can all raise our eyes to the horizon and peer beyond the breaking clouds to the bright effulgent sun of prosperity and with one accord with the rescued captive, exclaim Thank God. Call and see us when you arrive in the city and receive in person the heartfelt congratulation my poor pen would feign bestowe.

Yours ever

T. F. Tully

Green Dyson

The South west quarter of the South East quarter and the South East quarter of the South west quarter of Section No one, Township 2 Range 8 East, And the north west quarter of the north East quarter and the north East quarter of the north west quarter of Section No 12, Township No 2, Range 8 East, containing 160 acres

Isaac Tate,

The South west quarter of the North East quarter, and the South East quarter of the North west quarter, and the north west quarter of South east quarter and the north East quarter of the South west quarter of Section No 12, Township 2 Range 8 containing 160 acres.

Granville Tate,

The South half of the South East quarter, and the South East quarter of the South west quarter of Section No 12, Township 2, Range 8 and the north East quarter of the north East quarter of Section 13, Township 2 Range 8, containing 160 acres

Peter Vernon,

The west half of the South west quarter of Section No 12, Township 2 Range 8, East, containing 80 acres----

Office No. 79 Customhouse Street
New Orleans La. March 8th 1875

Judge Hardy Richardson
Sunny Hill La
Dear Judge

I have just succeeded in procuring the cancelation of G. D. Slocum's Homestead Entry, the relinquishment of which you filed last March a year ago, but I find that there is yet due on it \$2.64 which I would request you to forward to me so that I may make the entry. You filed with me \$15.00 where the entry amts to \$17.69. I have charged you nothing for my fee as you filed the entry with me where I was in the Land Office.

Hoping to hear from you soon I remain &c

Thos J Tully

The State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington.

I the undersigned clerk of the Eighth Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish and state aforesaid, Do hereby certify that David Magee whose Genuine signature appears to the annexed and foregoing certificate of acknowledgment to Land Warrant No 93156 issued to William P. Richardson for one hundred and twenty acres, was at the time of signing the same an acting Justice of the Peace, duly Commissioned and qualified according to

Law, and that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and Credit. In testimony of which witness my hand and Official Seal this twenty fourth day of June A.D. 1858. (Not signed)

The State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

Before me John R Wood Clerk of the Parish of Washington State aforesaid personally appeared William L Booty, who being duly Sworn according to law, dipsos and says, that he is well acquainted with William G Britt who and knows him to be the identical person who entered the land described therein and that he is now in possession of the farm for which the said land was entered for the benefit of and is the actual owner and cultivates the same, by tenants-----Sworn to and subscribed before me, on the day, and year first above written---
(inside of same paper)

The State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

Franklinton Clerks Office--

On this the ----- day of November 1872 personally appeared before me the undersigned Clerk for the Parish of Washington, and State aforesaid Hardy Richardson agent and attorney in fact for William G Britt, who, being duly sworn by me according to Law, deposes and says, in relation to the land entered by the said William G Britt on the 21st day of August 1860 per certificate of purchase No 4803, that the same was for his own use and for the benefit of adjoining farm on which he then resided, under the provisions of the act of Congress of the 4th of August 1854. "To graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual Settlers and cultivators," that he is at this time in the occupancy of said land, and has been since the date of entry, viz, the 21st day of August 1860---

That he has made or entered into contract or agreement, either directly, or indirectly, for the sale or transfer of said land, and that he was twenty one years of age at the time that he entered the owner Sworn to and Subscribed before me on the day and year first above written--
(Not signed)

U. S. Consolidated Land Office
District of Louisiana
New Orleans, La. Sept 18th 1872

Hon Hardy Richardson Dear Sir

I have a patent in favor of James Roberts No 1935 for an entry in T1 South R9 East I have forgotten who sent for it but I have an impression you requested me to get it, if so I will forward it to you. You told me that your address was Sunny Hill P O is it in La

Very Respectfully
Chas Barneal

HOMESTEAD.

I Wiley Nelson Perritt, of Washington Parish Louisiana, do hereby apply to enter, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved May 20, 1862, entitled "An act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," the East $\frac{1}{2}$ of South west $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 22, North East $\frac{1}{4}$ of north west $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 27--North west $\frac{1}{4}$ of north East $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27 in Township one of Range Nine, containing ----- acres. his

John R. Wood

Wiley M X Perritt
mark

Remainder of this homestead paper left blank.

Kentwood La. Oct 29th 1890

Mrs Hardy Richardson
Sunny Hill P. O.

Dear Madam

I herewith return your plat & Title to land handed me. I have examined every source (sic) of information in regard to perfecting title to your lands, but have not satisfied myself, as well as I would have liked. The early records of all our lands are very imperfect and unsatisfactory but I think you have sufficient showing to entitle you to your claim of the North half of section 46. You will see from the above extracts of Titles that Dr Squire Lea claim to the upper portion of section 46 was recognized in all the Titles to adjoining owners which they cannot deny. These abstracts will serve to show you how much lands these parties have and how they are situated. Hoping this will be satisfactory. I remain

Yours truly
O. P. Amacker

(on inside of folded paper)

From the best information I can get, I find that James Lea, who was the original owner of Section 46 as Shown by the plat, was the father of Dr Squire Lea, Alexander Lea, and F. W. Lea & that Dr Squire Lea died in New Orleans and that Judge J. N. Lea was his son.

The record shows that James Lea transferred by last will & testament to Alexander Lea, one of his sons the following described lands, which he (Alexander Lea) sold to F. W. Lea on the 20th June 1834 as follows. Three fourths $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Section of land, bounded on the North by the lands of the Heirs of Doctor Squire Lea, East and west by public lands and south by Alexander Lea being on the Tchefuncta River.

F. W. Lea sold the above land to James T. Lea on the 21st June 1847.

James T. Lea Sold to Miles Bullock on July 10th 1847, A certain Tract of land on the Tchefuncta River, being the Northern half of the F. W. Lea Tract--bounded on the North by lands belonging to Heirs of Dr Squire Lea South by the remaining half belonging to James T. Lea, East & West by public lands, Said Tract containing 320 acres Book "C" page 191 (Washington Parish Records)

Miles Bullock sold to Paton Bond Jany 17th 1848, Book "C" page 235 The above described land

Harriet A. Bond, Mary E. Bond and husband A. G. Fussell et als Sold To Bransley B. Bond, 160 acres of land lying and being situated on the East side of the Tchefuncta River, being the south half of east half of section upon which Paton Bond formerly lived and owned, the conditional line established and agreed to by the parties, commencing at the half mile tree on the east side of said Section, and running thence Westward until it intersects the Tchefuncta River bounded west by the Tchefuncta River, North by balance of said Section, East by public lands and south by lands belonging to A. J. Lea, Book "I" p 173

Harrett (sic) Bonds et als sold To Ivy E. Bond, the other 160 acres.

Sunny Hill Sept. 24th 1877

To the Clerk of the Court of Sabine County Texas

Sir- Will you please answer these the following Interrogatories -

Did Isaac F. Pace die in Sabine County, and if so, at what time, did he have any family, and if so of whom did they consist their names, and Post Offices, did he have any property in real or personal Estate, please state its value, to your knowledge did he claim any landed property, any where else and if so, where the amount, value &c

Please state any other facts you may know about the Paces and their property, and is the value of the property, costs looking after, and Improving it you will Answer the within Interrogatories, you will confer a favor on one of the legal heirs.

Your obedient Servant

Hardy Richardson

direct to Sunny Hill Washington Parish La.

Received Franklinton August the 9th 1849 of Hardy Richardson for John Mitchell Jun. the Sum of Nineteen Dollars and Fifty cents the amount paid for the Redemption of 640 acres of Land lying on Pearl River assessed as the property of Wm. Mitchell sold for the Taxes

Attest David Magee

Charles Knight

Agent for Michael Clinton

Greensburg District La.

FINAL RECEIVER'S RECEIPT, No 825

APPLICATION No. 3271

HOMESTEAD.

RECEIVER'S OFFICE, New Orleans, La.

October 16th 1878

Received of Valinda Seale (widow of Joseph C. Seale Sr. deceased) the sum of Four (4) dollars No cents, being the balance of payment required by law for the entry of South East quarter of North West quarter, South west quarter of North East quarter, and West Half of South East quarter of Section Twenty five in Township Three (3) South of Range Nine (9) East containing one Hundred & Sixty One 36/100 acres, under Section 2291 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

\$4.00

E O Doedry (?)

Receiver

Sunny Hill La

Dec. 10th 1881

F. P. Mix Sheriff

Amite City

Dear Sir

Preacher Green Dyson is living on a piece of land the owner of which is not Known here His case is this in Evans & Wans reigns (?) some years back, he tried to enter it, Wans told him to move on it and he would fix the entry, he done so, but after living on it some time he found that the land had been entered by other parties years before, He has been living on the land seven or Eight years and no owner has yet come or claimed the land, Last year he paid taxes on the land, the taxes for this year is now due and unpaid. He is unwilling to pay without he Knew for what purpose I advise him to have the land sold for taxes. You are better posted than I am in this case and I would like to have your Judgment on it. He has done considerable work on the place and is very poor indeed. Poor honest

preacher ought to be helped. I want to Know about my Lea Land and the taxes, I am now ready to settle the taxes on the Land

You will please answer and oblige Your Friend

Hardy Richardson

State of Louisiana
City of New Orleans

Be it known that this day before me Achille Chiapella, a Notary public in and for this City and Parish of New Orleans, duly commissioned and sworn,

Personally came and appeared Samuel Jarvis Peters Esquire of this City President of the Louisiana State Bank, and herein acting in his said quality

Who declared that for the Consideration hereinafter set forth and in pursuance to the public adjudication made by J. A. Beard & May auctioneers in this City, on the twenty first of December Current, as will fully appear by reference to the proces verbal (sic) of said auctioneers deposited in my office, he does in his said quality, by these presents grant, bargain and sell with all legal warranties and with subrogations to all the rights and actions in warranty of said Bank against all preceeding vendors or possessors unto ----- Paul Lobit and Henry St Paul, both residing in this City, Joint and equal purchasers, here present, acknowledging possession, and accepting for themselves, their heirs and assigns, ----- A certain tract or section of land containing Six hundred and forty acres situated in the Parish of Washington in this State on the West side of Pearl River which section of ground is bounded, on the North, by lands heretofore belonging to William Lea, on the South by Government lands, on the East by Pearl River & Government Lands & on the West by vacant lands & bearing No Forty of Township No Four of Range No Thirteen East land District East of the Island of New Orleans & West of Pearl River, together with all the rights, ways, servitudes, privileges and advantages thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. ----- Acquired by the Said Bank by purchase from Bernard Marigny, per act passed before Theodore Guyol, Notary public on the twenty eighth day of October, Eighteen hundred and forty five ----- To have and to hold the said parcel of land unto the said purchasers, their heirs and assigns to their only proper use and behoof forever. ----- The said purchasers do hereby dispense with the Certificate required by the Article 3328 Civil Code of this State and release the undersigned Notary from all responsibility in the premises. ----- This sale is made for and in Consideration of the price and sum of Three hundred and eighty four dollars which the said Peters hereby acknowledges to have received in manner following, viz: One hundred and twenty eight dollars in ready money for which he grants acquittance and the Balance in the two Several promissory notes of Said purchasers made to their own order & by them endorsed, each for One hundred twenty eight dollars, dated the twenty first of December Current, payable respectively at One and Two Years, at the Louisiana State Bank in this City, with Interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from date till maturity, and from maturity, if not then paid, until final liquidation, at the rate of Eight per cent per annum, Which Notes have been duly paraphed Ne Varietur by me Notary to identify the same herewith. ----- And to secure the payment of said Notes in Capital and all Interest thereon at the rate aforesaid special Mortgage in favor of said Bank & of any other holder or holders of said Notes is hereby retained on the property presently sold, the said purchasers binding themselves & their heirs not to alienate nor

encumber the same to the prejudice of this act. ----- Done and Passed at New Orleans, aforesaid, this twenty eighth day of December, Eighteen hundred and fifty four in the presence of Selim Magner and Edward G. Gottschalk, Competent witnesses, who sign these presents, with the said appearances and me Notary.

Signed - Henry St Paul ----- P. Lobit ----- Sam. J. Peters Pt. ----- S. Magner ----- E. G. Gottschalk ----- A. Chiapella Not Pub. -----
(on back)

I Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy of the Original act Extant in my Current Register

New Orleans 8th May 1856

A. Chiapella.

Not. pub.

HOMESTEAD.

LAND OFFICE AT -----

I George Slocum of Washington Parish La. having filed my application, No. -----, for an entry under Section No. 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, do solemnly swear that I am a citizen of the United States above 21 years of age that I now occupy the land applied for by me, and that I make this affidavit in this parish because of the distance & Expense attending a trip to the land office at New Orleans that said application, No. -----, is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation; that said entry is made for my own exclusive benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the benefit or use of any other person or persons whomsoever; and that I have not heretofore had the benefit of the homestead laws.

his

George X Slocum

mark

Sworn to and subscribed this Seventh day of December A.D. 1876, before the undersigned authority

J. M. Simmons Clerk

6th Jud District Court of La

Ph Washington

Honey Island.

In 1855-6 Shepherd Brown entered over 13,000 acres of land on Honey Island, Pearl River, with Louisiana State landscrip, bought at a high price. He deeded one half of this to A B Redding, who Brown thinks still owns it or has a claim to it. Just after the war he deeded 2,000 acres of his own half to a man living in Greensboro North Carolina. The balance was sold for taxes. In other words Brown only claimed 5,500 acres when it was sold for taxes
JBR

U.S. CONSOLIDATED LAND OFFICE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,

New Orleans, La., November 21st 1872

Received of Judge Hardy Richardson the sum of \$15 00/100 to be used in payment for Homestead entry to be made as soon as the homestead entry of William R Millar is canceled.

Receiver's Receipt will be given in lieu of this when entry is made.

Thos J Tully

Form of Affidavit to be taken where the Homestead party cannot appear in person at the local office and file his Proof -----

Before the undersigned clerk of court in and for the parish of Washington personally appeared John Smith who being duly sworn deposes and says that he is an actual settler upon the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 21 T 3 S R 10 E Greensburg Dist La. and has resided thereon since the 20th Oct 1869, that he now desires to make his final proof of settlement according to law, but is unable to appear at the United States Land Office at New Orleans for that purpose, by reason of the great distance there and the expense attending a trip and he begs to file the proof through the clerk of court of this parish

John Smith.

Sworn to and subscribed this 18th day of December 1875

J. M. Simmons Clerk of court

Also at the same time personally came and appeared, James Brown and Henry Wilson who being duly sworn deposes and say that they are personally acquainted with John Smith who made Homestead Entry of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 21 T3SR10E, and know that he is an actual resident on said land; and too poor to attend in person at the land office to make final proof, and they fully corroborate all that is said in his affidavit

James Brown

Henry Wilson

Sworn to and subscribed the 18th Dec 1875

J.M. Simmons Clerk of Court

Sunny Hill Nov 12/74

D. G. Smith Attorney at Law

Sir

John E Morris & Joseph M Simmons handed me two letters from you one dated Oct 17 & the other Oct 26 1874, together with a copy of a title from O. Perry and wife to Johnson & Obanion of Williamson Co. Texas, wanting to know whether the title was Genuine. Mr Morris says he knows of but one title, and did not sign any other that he recollects of, and that is not the one of which you send a copy, but the one Recorded here in the Mortgage Register, and the consideration was eight hundred dollars -----

I was present when the title was made & saw the parties sign, Mrs Perry making her mark ----- the League of Land in Williamson Co. was the one sold of which the consideration was \$800, the other is a fraud no consideration of five thousand dollars was given, and the League in Bankston was an agreement without any consideration ---- therefore the consideration of Eight hundred dollars was against Williamson Co League --- & the note and Mortgage is good for the whole amount ----- this title can be perfected beyond a doubt, Mr Johnson wished Mr Perry to give him an other title to the Land, with a larger consideration, I told Mr Perry and wife and the Recorder that they had made the title and the consideration was eight hundred dollars and now they had no right, any other than would sign beforehand ----- but am of opinion they signed same agreement different from the Genuine one. Mr Morris says he has no recollection of it.

Tward (sic) your instructions I will get up the witnesses and make the proof of the Williamson Co. League, the consideration being eight hundred dollars and is of Record here --- the original is lost, or destroyed by Yankee troops during the war --- you will collect the note there, and balance accounts, Mrs Morris is owner & holder of the note, and lives at a distance so I have not seen or heard from her since I received your letters,

I am her authorized agent here, and will here (sic) from her soon & write you, if the Parties are willing why not hold Judgment on the Mortgage note and sell the Land, and then Judicial title would be good -----

If I get the money for Mrs Morris, all else can be effected, I am not a Lawyer, But know Something of Courts & Records --- and pretty good in Setting up testimony -----

Your obt Servant

Hardy Richardson

My office Sunny Hill Washington Parish La.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C. April 10th, 1882

Hon Hardy Richardson
Sunny Hill, La.

My Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of recent date, and in reply enclose herewith a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office here referring to the homestead and other patents for lands in Louisiana which have not been entered by other parties. You will see by the letter that these patents ought to be in the land office at New Orleans except those which may be on file in the land office here, having been retained here at the breaking out of the war. If you will make out a list of those who held duplicate receipts or send me the list of the names of the parties, designating the subdivisions of land I will see that the matter is attended to here so far as the patents which may be on file here are concerned. But I would advise you first to write to the land office in New Orleans to see what patents remain on file there we can then probably better ascertain what patents remain on file here which have not been issued. I shall take pleasure in attending to this matter for your people.

I have been very busy for the last two months here in endeavoring, if possible, to get some united favorable action for our unfortunate people who have suffered such disasters from the present overflow, and have hardly had time to give my attention to any other matter. The trouble with us is to unite among ourselves, and that has been the difficulty the whole way through this controversy. The people in our own State, and in the other states subject to overflow from the Mississippi River have got a false impression, and they seem to think we have been trying to improve the navigation of the river and not build levees to protect the lands from overflow. This impression has gone abroad through the press but the records of Congress show clearly and distinctly that we have adhered consistently throughout to the policy of protecting the alluvial lands from overflow as well as to improve the navigation of the river. You will find in the speech that I made on the 8th of June 1878, which was the first speech that was ever made in Congress in favor of establishing a board of experts eminent as engineers both taken from the officers of the army and navy as well as from civil life, that it contemplated that this Board should take into consideration the protection of the alluvial lands as well as to improve the navigation, and in every test which has been made by a vote in the House of Representatives since I have been a member we have always carried the question whenever it was put. In the 45th Congress when Mr. Sparks of Illinois moved to strike out from the bill those provisions which required this Commission to pass upon and examine into and report plans to protect the alluvial lands, the House voted it down by a large majority. The present organic act of the Commission required them specifically to report upon the

jetty system, the outlet system and the levee system, for the purpose of ascertaining the best method of treating the Mississippi River so as to prevent destructive floods and to protect the banks from caving. This was clearly meant--as clear as the English language could express it, to commit Congress to the policy of preventing the overflows of the alluvial lands of the delta. The other question, which was equally important and which was also to be inquired into by the Commission was to correct and permanently locate and deepen the channel of the river for the purpose of navigation. So the two propositions have been kept clear and distinct from each other. The commission have also been united in the proposition that confining the waters to the channel of the river both in low and in high water by jetties and by levees was also a method to permanently locate and deepen the channel and prevent overflows. Yet you find our own people, who have lived all their lives upon the Mississippi River differ in opinion upon this subject. They look principally to the question of the protection of the alluvial lands as they are more deeply interested in that question than the other, because below the mouth of Red river, where we have no shoal bars even in low water, the river does not require deepening for the purpose of improving the navigation and the work to be done there will be solely for the purpose of protecting our alluvial lands from overflow. But I trust we will succeed in obtaining relief in this congress. There seems to be a disposition upon the part of statesmen everywhere throughout the country to give us relief from the disastrous floods from which we are now suffering, but the delegations from the different states who represent that section of country are divided, as you see by the bills introduced in Congress. Garland of Arkansas has offered a bill for \$15000000 based upon estimates founded in his own imagination. Kellogg has reported a bill from his Committee for \$6,000000 looking solely to the improvement of the navigation of the river. Thomas of the Committee on Levees and Improvements of the Mississippi River of the House has reported a bill for \$6,800000 both to build the levees and to improve the navigation of the river, which bill ought to be supported by our members. Gibson who is on the Committee on Commerce is doing his best to get an appropriation for the river, but is dodging the question of protection to the alluvial lands and has permitted the Committee on Commerce to make a liberal appropriation of upwards of \$4000000 below the mouth of the Ohio coupled with a condition that none of this money is to be expended for the sole purpose of protecting the alluvial lands from overflow. I told Gibson that if that bill was brought in the House thus hampered that I would fight it to the bitter end and I do not know that I have any other member of the delegation standing by me, but I have made my attack so savage that he is considering it and has promised to endeavor to get the Committee on Commerce to modify their condition. I hope and trust it will be done. Thus you see some of the difficulties which stand in the way, yet I am satisfied that when the matter comes to be properly presented to the House that Congress will adopt the policy of protecting the alluvial lands as well as to improve the navigation of the river.

Yours very truly

E W Robertson

Osyka, August 27th 1879

Hardy Richardson Esqr.

Washington Pr. La.

Dear friend

I have been expecting for a long time of having the pleasure of seeing you in our place, but I see I have to give up the hope of seeing you here. I am happy to inform you that all my family are enjoying good health, which I hope you & your family are blessed with the same also. Mr. Richardson the object of my writing to you is to beg of you to send me the balance due me for the Lewis's account by the sale of his place. I would not ask for it now, but believe me that I am sorely in want for money and if you can possibly spare me that little do so as you will confer a great favor on me & mine. You will recollect the bargain we made that you would pay me fifty Dollars should you buy in the place. I received forty Dollars and I paid the Justices fees amounting to 5 60/100. There would be a balance due me of 16 40/100 Dollars. It is but a small matter, but would be a great help to me under present circumstances.

With Kindest regards to yourself & family and looking for an early reply I remain your fraternally

M Henman

Please send money by registered letter & oblige M.H.

Sunny Hill, Feby 14th 1881

Wm M Burwell Receiver

At Land office NO

Sir

Enclosed find application for the Entry of Lot No one of Section 35, in Township one of Range 9 East Greensburg District for Benjamin Roberts, the surveyor says the lot contains 26 acres, for which I enclose thirty three dollars-----for payment at two Bits acre,

Please made the Entry to me at this office.

Respectfully yours

Hardy Richardson

I sent the application being in form. I send a Blank signed by Mr. Roberts

The State of Louisiana

Parish of Washington

Be it Known and Remembered that on this the tenth day of December Eighteen hundred

and seventy nine The following agreement or division was agreed to by and between Spencer Brumfield Husband, and Jenny Brumfield wife

First, Spencer Brumfield takes his Homestead Entry, of one hundred and sixty acres, wherein the dwelling Home, in which they now live stand with all the improvements therein situated consisting of some twenty acres of land under fence, and in cultivation, without building Except four acres, in south Eastern corner of the field, which is to be occupied and cultivated by his wife Jenny, as long as he lives on his Homestead Entry, or until he sells, also he the said Spencer is to have and receive a Han (?), the wagon and one Yoke of oxen, also the one half of all the corn Potatoes, fodder, Molasses sorgum Farm tools ploughes (sic) and garts (?) and one half of the entire Household & kitchen furniture, the cotton to be sold, and all the debts paid, and the balance to be equally divided,

Jenny Brumfield wife takes and receives to her share, all the land purchased from Wm Britt containing one hundred & sixty acres with all the

improvements, thereon, consisting of a dwelling, Kitchen & out houses, together with about twenty acres under fence and in cultivation, together with Homer Mare (?) now owned by them one half of the corn fodder, Potatoes sugar cane, and all other effects belonging to the partnership or Community, also one half of all the Hogs the Cattle, and every other thing owned not mentioned, she agreeing that the cotton shall be sold and all the debts paid and the balance of the money equally divided.

It is further agreed & understood by the said Jenny Brumfield, that Spencer Brumfield shall retain and keep in his possession four acres of his land in front or near the dwelling as long as he lives on the land a place known as their old Home, Spencer Brumfield is also to have one half the Hogs & Cattle -----

Done and acknowledged & agreed to before Hardy Richardson & Samuel Varnado witnesses.
(No signatures)

U. S. CONSOLIDATED LAND OFFICE,
DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,

New Orleans, La., Nov 21 1872

Received of Hon Hardy Richardson Receive receipt No 2766 in favor Isaac Roberts dated Greensburg La Oct 26 1857 in township one south Range 9 East to be forwarded to Washington for patent

Chas Barnard Register

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,

New Orleans, La. May 8th 1882

G.L. 4=20=82

Mrs. Margaret J. Tate.

Franklinton, La.

Madam:

Referring to homestead Entry No. 427 in the name of Daniel E. Tate upon which you made Final proof as per F.C. 123, it is found that you failed to submit evidence showing the date of your husband's death nor that he complied with the requirements of the homestead law, as to residence and cultivation up to the time of his death.

You are therefore called upon to make supplemental proof--corroborated--upon the above mentioned points and send it to this office as soon as possible as patent will not issue until it is forthcoming.

Very Respectfully

E O Doedry (?) Register

SELECTED GROUP OF WASHINGTON PARISH TAX RECEIPTS

Received of David Mizell five Dollars part of his taxes for the year 1853
T. C. Bickham Shff

Received of Mrs Anna Mizell eight Dollars and Eighty cts the full amt of
her taxes for the year 1853 T. C. Bickham Shff

December 18th 1868 Received \$13.95 cts tax in State money & \$2.44 cts
in green Backs from H Richardson for Isaac Roberts & Clarinda Roberts their
special In & Levy Tax for the year A D 1867 John S Spring Shff
for J E Morris Dp Shff

Received June the 7 1869 of Rowan Letchworth one Dollar & fifty one cts in
full for his State Mill convention Levy & Internal Improvement Special Tax
for the year 1867, Special tax \$1--- John S Spring Sheriff

Received June the 7 1869 of Mrs. Nancy Letchworth two Dollars & seventy
four cts in full for his State Mill Levy Convention Internal Improvement
Special Tax for the year 1867 John S Spring Sheriff
Special \$4.25

TAX RECEIPT

Received, May the 31st 1862, of N Magee for Martha J Roberts the sum of
Fifty nine and 54 Dollars, in full for his State and Parish Tax for the
year 1861
\$59.54 J. C. Fisher Sheriff

Taxes for the Year 1869

Hardy Richardson	42.63
Huey S Paul	6.75
M J Richardson	55.65
W. J. Britt	25.33
Carolyn Booty	3.08
Nancy Letchworth	<u>10.00</u>
	143.44
Par	<u>21.87</u>
	165.31

Credits

Bale Cotton	60.45
Cash	30.00
" from Pace	62.00
Bank paper	<u>6.20</u>
	178.65
	<u>165.31</u>
	\$ 13.34
	<u>7.55</u>
	5.79
Taxes 1870 John Lewis	<u>1.77</u>

Isaac Tate	4.02
Due	<u>2.56</u>
	\$ 1.46

(on inside of same paper)

Taxes for 1870

M J Richardson	\$40.50
H Richardson	<u>64.61</u>
	105.11
W. J. Britt	\$ 3.50
Carolyn Booty	2.25

Recd of John Measles By Hardy Richardson seven Dollars and sixty eight cts the amt of his state parish Mill and poll tax for the year 1849 this the 19th Oct 1850
T. C. Bickham Shff

Recd of Mary Measles thirty seven cts the amt of her tax for the year 1849 this 19th Oct 1850
T. C. Bickham Shff

TAX RECEIPT

Received Dec 1st 1866, of William Barber the sum of One and 80/100 Dollars in full for his State and Parish Tax for the year 1865

James M Burris Sheriff

Franklinton Dec 11th 1852

Recd of Hardy Richardson the sum of fifty five dollars and fifty cents the amount of state Tax attached to each name on the reverse hereof and according to the stated amount---for the year 1851
(on back) T. C. Bickham Shff

T. C. Warner Jun State Tax	\$8.35
" " Senior decd "	1.70
Hardy Richardson " "	11.70
B Richardson decd-----	2.95
T. J. Brasfield-----	6.65
Charlotte Pool	9.75
Baily Richardson	" 25
Sibley John T.	<u>" 65</u>
	42.00
Jacob Wood	<u>13.50</u>
	55.50

Parish Tax

Thomas Warner	\$ 3.40
" " decd	80
Hardy Richardson	4.95
T. J. Brasfield	2.60
Charlotte Pool	4.60
Hardy Richardson & Bailey	10
Hardy Richardson agent for Jno Sibley	30
Jacob Wood	<u>8.50</u>
	\$ 25.25
Jacob Wood	<u>7.32</u>
	17.88

Parish Paper

Due Bill	\$3.27
Parish paper	<u>4.10</u>
	7.37

Recd of Hardy Richardson fifty five dollars and fifty two cents the amount
of his state & Parish taxes for the year 1857 Nov 21th 1858
E McCain Shff

Received of David Mizell Sr Six Dollars and twenty five cts the full amount
of his taxes for the year 1854
T. C. Bickham Shff

ACCOUNT OF TAXES FOR 1871

Mrs M. J. Richardson Taxes of 1871	\$47.20
H Richardson Tax of 1871	66.13
H Richardson agent for W.P.G. Britt Tax of 1871	13.28
Account of J. Q. Wood	12.00
Account of A. G. Fussell	12.00
Account of James Lewis Tax of 1871	5.27 $\frac{1}{2}$
Act of James O Pool cash	5.00
Do Granville Tate cash Tax	2.18
Do Isaac Tate cash Tax	4.30
Do John Tate cash Tax	7.50
H Richardson self cash	5.00
	<u>\179.86\frac{1}{2}$</u>
Credit by cash	<u>\$130.00</u>
	49.86
3 calves	<u>14.00</u>
	63.86
Credited Cash	<u>25.00</u>
Amt due June 12th 1873	<u>\$39.86 (sic)</u>

Par Sept 5/73 John E Morris
(on back)
John E. Morris Tax Collector for 1871---account against Hardy Richardson
for Taxes & other things

December 16th 1868 Received \$24.11 cents Tax from W. G. Brit for his
Special State mill Poll & Parish Tax for the year A D 1867
John S Spring Shff for J E Morris Dp Shff

Hardy Richardson Tax	75.00
Mrs Eliza Richardson "	7.00
Spencer Brumfield	6.25
Daniel E Tate	<u>24.10</u>
Draft on	\$112.35
Warren Atkinson as of Sight, December 15th 1873	
Taxes paid H. G. Magee this the 15 Decr 1873	

Received of David Mizell Sr four Dollars and fifty five cents the full amt.
of his taxes for the year A D 1852
T. C. Bickham Shff

Received of David Young two Dollars the full amt of Robert Simmons tax
for the year 1850
T. C. Bickham Shff

Received of H Richardson for James Lewis the sum of Two 80/100 Dollars the full amount of his State & Parish Tax for the year 1869 this Dec 9th 1870
John E Morris State Tax Collector

Received of H Richardson for Henderson Clark the sum of nine 07/100 Dollars the full amt of his state and Parish Tax for the year 1869 this Dec 9th 1870
John E Morris State Tax Collector

Received January the 6th 1868 of Jno James the sum of Seven dollars Eighty two cents in full for State and Parish Tax for year 1866
State \$105
Mill 42
Poll 10
Parish 100
525
John S Spring Shff
for John Wadsworth

Received January 6th 1868 of C C James one dollar in full for State Taxes for the year 1866
Poll tax \$1.00
John S Spring Shff
for John Wadsworth

Received March 20th 1866 of Hardy Richardson Twenty 12/100 Dollars the full amount of his State & Parish Tax for the year 1865.
James M Burris Sheriff

Received March 20th 1866 of Mrs Martha Richardson Eleven 9/100 dollars the full amount of her State & Parish Tax for the year 1865
James M Burris Sheriff

Received from Hardy Richardson Forty dollars in currency and sixty dollars in State money on account of his Taxes for the year 1867 and Wm P Richardson Dec 28 1868
GBW Spring Dbt Shff
and fifteen dollars due John Spring cash loaned Dec 28 1868
GBW Spring

Received June 9th 1869 of H Richardson for H St Paul the Sum of Seven 86/100 dollars in full for State & Parish Tax & Special Tax for year 1867
John S Spring Sheriff

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF Washington

STATE TAXES FOR 1870

Dec 12th 1871

Received of Mrs Caroline Booty the sum of Two Dollars and 25/100 Cents, amount of State Taxes for the year 1870 on the property, etc., described on the reverse hereof, in accordance with law.
\$2 25/100

J. E. Morris

Tax Collector, Parish of Washington

(Reverse blank)

Received January the 6th 1868 of W P Richardson the Sum of Seventeen dollars & Twenty five cents in full for State & Parish Tax for the year 1866
John S Spring Shff
for John Wadsworth

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF Washington.

State Taxes for 1869 Nov 30 1879 (sic)

Received of Mr B W Brumfield the sum of ten Dollars and fifty Seven Cents, amount of State & Parish Taxes for the year 1869 on the property, etc., described on the reverse hereof, in accordance with law.

\$10 57/100

John E Morris

(Reverse side blank)

State Collector, Parish of Washington

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF Washington

State Taxes for 1872 Dec 8 1873

Received of Mr D E Tate the sum of 18 Dollars and ----- Cents, amount of State Taxes for the year 1872 on the property, etc., described on the reverse hereof, in accordance with law.

\$18

H G Magee

(Reverse side blank)

Tax Collector, Parish of Washington

\$15.00

Received Franklinton La March 12th 1875 of Hardy Richardson Fifteen dollars to be handed to the Tax Collector on Taxes

Elbert Magee

Received January 6th 1868 of Thomas Kemp the sum of ten dollars & fifty five cents in full for State & Parish Tax for the year 1866

John S Spring Shff

for John Wadsworth

Received January the 6th 1868 of H Richardson for Mrs Crain the Sum of three dollars & five cents in for State and $\frac{1}{4}$ Parish Tax for year 1866

State .87

John S Spring

Mill .33

for John Wadsworth

Parish 4.35

TAX RECEIPT.

Received, Nov the 18th 1862, of T J Brasfield the sum of Thirty nine and 10/100 Dollars, in full for his State and Parish Tax for the year 1861

\$39.10

J C Fisher Sheriff

Received of Hardy Richardson six Dollars and Ninety Cents the Balance of W. G. Brooks, Taxes for the year 1854

T. C. Bickham Shff

Received of Hardy Richardson Eight Dollars the Balance due by the Estate of Thornton Blackwell for taxes for the year AD 1854

Thos. C. Bickham Shff

Recd of Hardy Richardson the sum of fifty four 88/100 dollars the amount of his state and Parish Tax for the year 1856

Dec 2nd 1857

E McCain

Recd December 2nd 1857 of (torn) the sum of seven 69/100 Dollars the amt of his state tax for 1856

E McCain Shf

(on back)

Wm P Richardson and Hardy Richardson Tax Receipts for the year 1856

PARISH OF WASHINGTON, November 3d, 1869
Received of Mr C B Morris the sum of Two 46/100 Dollars the State Tax for
the year 1868 on his property. Parish & Special & Tax on land unpaid
John E Morris Parish Collector
for John Wadsworth

Received of H Richardson for Henry St Paul Sum of Eight dollars & thirteen
cents in full for Parish Tax for year 1866
Jan 6th 1868
John S Spring Shff
for John Wadsworth

November 24th 1856 Received of David Mizell Six Dollars and forty cents
the full amount of his State and parish Tax for the year 1855.
E McCain Shff

Received June the 7 1869 of Mrs Eliza Richardson three Dollars & ninty (sic)
cts in full for her state Mill Convention Levy Internal Improvement Tax
for the year 1867.
John S Spring Sheriff

Received January the 6th 1868 of Hardy Richardson one dollar in full for
State & Parish Tax for the year 1866
(torn down side)
John S Spring
for John Wadsworth

Received January 6th 1868 of Martha J Richardson the Sum of thirty Eight
Dollars & fifty Eight cents in full for State & Paris' Tax for year 1866
State 572
Mill 229
JJ 57
Incomel40
Parish 2860
John S Spring Shff
for John Wadsworth

TAX RECEIPT.

Received Nov 8th 1866, of Lucinda Barber the sum of Three and 40/100
Dollars, in full for his State and Parish Tax for the year 1865
\$3.40
James H Burris Sheriff

Auditors Office Baton Rouge March 15th 1855

Whereas the Legislature of the State of Louisiana by a joint Resolution
approved March 15th 1854 Authorized the Auditor of Public Accounts to grant
a quietus to A C Bickham Tax Collector of the Parish of Washington for the
year 1841 I do hereby certify that the State holds no claim against said
A. C. Bickham his securities or heirs on account of said Taxes of 1841.
S F Marnes Auditor

Mr. Hardy Richardson

Dear Sir

If you go to Ocika (sic) before court I want you to see Mr. Cutrer
for me and git his Tax the amount of Tax for 1870 is

F. M. Forrest His Tax \$12.25

J. W. Cutrer His Tax 3.39

Total Fifteen Dollars 64 cts \$15.64

If you should see Mr. B. W. Broomfield or Mr. W. W. Ricks please tell them

to come to Court & settle their Taxes I Shant (sic) start to Town until
Court is over all well and nothing Knew (sic) Dec 4th 1871

Yours

J. C. Morris

F. M. BROWN & ALONZO L. BROWN

Declaration of Citizenship or Domicil

One piece - 1872

The State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

Before me John K. MLain Recorder and Ex
officio Notary Public of said Parish &
State, personally appeared before me,

Francis M. Brown and Alonzo L. Brown, who did declared unto me, that they
are Citizens, of age of the said State, and the owners of Real Estate through
which passes the line dividing the Parish of Washington & Tangipahoa
They being thus owner of land upon which they reside that lies partially
in each of the said Parishes, and that in order to define and fix their
Status, They declare by these presents, That they adopt the Parish of
Washington as their political Civil & legal domicil, and that they will
exercise all their legal Civil and political rights, in said Parish of Wash-
ington Exclusively as Citizens and residents thereof, Thus done and passed
before me at my office in said Parish of Washington in presence of B. C.
Mizell & H N McElveen Lawful witnesses who signed their presents with
said declaiments and me said Recorder on this the 30th 1872 AD Eighteen
hundred & seventy two (month omitted on original) Original signed, F M
Brown A. L. Brown attest B. C. Mizell & H N McElveen

State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

I John K. MLain Recorder do certify that the
within and foregoing act to be truly Recorded

in Book A Miscellaneous Register of my office pages 87 & 88 Witness my
official Signature & seal of office

Augt 30th 1872

John K MLain Recorder

TAX RECEIPTS DURING CIVIL WAR

Two pieces - 1862 & 1864

Received of T. J. Brasfield for confederate tax as follows

(torn) dollars for his tax on moneys	\$5.16
" eight 40/100 dollars for his tax in kind	98.40
" 25/100 dollars for his tax on neat cat (?)	<u>12.25</u>
" to one hundred & fifteen dollars	<u>\$115.81</u>
" 24th 1864	Robert Daniel Dept Dist. Collector

Washington Parish La. April 3rd 1862

Received of Hardy Richardson the sum of one Hundred and twenty dollars
to be credited on a note of Fifteen hundred dollars dated Franklinton
12 December 1860, and signed Hardy Richardson This amount is to be credited
as the interest on the note, which draws 8 per cent from Jany 1861---

the credit is to be dated June 1st 1861 -----

Mary A V Rogers

Washington Parish La. April 13th 1862

Received of Hardy Richardson Seventy five dollars to be credited on his note of fifteen Hundred dollars as the interest due on said note. The credit to be dated this date -----

Mary A V Rogers

TWO CONFEDERATE BOND LIST

Two pieces 1864 & 186-

Amount of Bonds or Certificate Costs	
1. Wm. Corkern 400	41. H. E. Wood 200
2. J. Lloyd. 100	42. D H Stringfield 100
3. L. D. Brown 200	43. T. J. Simmons 800
4. D. Mizell 1000	44. Wm Finney 100
5. A. G. Fussell 400	45. J Fisher 300
6. J. James 100	46. H Jones 100
7. J. Fussell 200	47. A J Johnson 200
8. H. Magee Jr 100	48. C A Goynes 100
9. C C Fussell 300	49. J. H. Rives 300
10. H Magee Sr 100	50. M B Hughes 200
11. C L Peak 100	51. S. J. Wood 100
12. L Bullock 800	52. J. C. Green 900
13. S. Barnes 500	53. J Boyet 300
14. Wm C Warren 600	54. J Wood 900
15. C Bateman 100	55. J. E. Wood 200
16. F Stubb 200	56. John Parker 1000
17. M Williams 300	57. Wm P Warner 200
18. S Mizell 200	58. F. M. Sylvest 300
19. S D Richardson 300	59. H. T. Burkhalter 900
20. J. Corkern 700	60. Wm P Richardson 200
21. J. Green 400	61. W J Thigpen 300
22. J H Talley 100	62. E. A. Fussell 2100
23. J A Jenkins 100	63. J. C. Bickham 300
24. J D Richardson 400	64. J Pool 200
25. C Davis 100	65. John Magee 1000
26. E W Moore 200	66. J. Magee 600
27. C Joyner 200	67. L. Bankston 200
28. A Talley 100	68. J. Green 400
29. E. Talley 100	69. A Bickham 200
30. J Blackwell 300	70. T. J. Brasfield 100
31. K Johnson 100	71. J. Mayfield 1100
32. E A Foin (?) 200	72. J. F. Spring 500
33. S A Morris 700	73. B Graves 100
34. Z D Magee 200	74. W Peters 1400
35. E magee 200	75. Wm Peters 1900
36. A B Corkern 100	76. A W Daniel 300
37. C Corkern 100	77. A G Harvey 1200
38. S Corkern 200	78. R Daniel 2100
39. G Knight 100	79. M Bateman 300
40. Wm C Toney 100	80. L Burk 400

81. W R H Faulk	200	101. M. Hughes	100
82. J. P Pearse	200	102. M Holliday	100
83. R Daniel	200	103. M Carson	200
84. J E Brumfield	200	104. N Strahan	100
85. Jacob Magee	2900	105. G Bullock	100
86. John Magee	6900	106. D A Bullock	100
87. G. Magee	100	107. E W Bickham	300
88. T C Bickham	500	108. M N Brumfield	200
89. A Percy	400	109. J. A Fornea	300
90. M T Hamilton	800	110. E Myles	100
91. S W Bickham	600	111. J R Burch	200
92. H Richardson	800	112. A C Bickham	400
93. E Stephens	200	113. J Brumfield	100
94. L Bankston	200	114. M Bullock	400
95. J Mizell	100	115. S. Erwin	900
96. G Rily	100	116. J. C. Fisher	1400
97. J Aronstein	1000	117. S Cooper	600
98. W Lanier	300	118. L Thomas	300
99. H Richardson	200	119. N Strahan	300
100. L. C. Dyson	900		4600
(This list was divided into three columns on			17600
both sides of the paper. These are subtotals			19200
from the other columns)			6100
			<u>10300</u>
Sum Total			<u>\$57800</u>

Money to be Bonded March 20th 186--

1. L D Brown	\$200	25. John D Mizell	100
2. Mrs Wm. Talley	20	26. S. A. Magee	690
3. John Lloyd	70	27. Elridge Magee	200
4. Wm. Corkern	370	28. Z. D. Magee	210
5. Morris Williams	293	29. A. B. Corkern	110
6. Stephen Mizell	200	30. Charles Corkern	100
7. Wm Toney	40	31. Stephen Corkern	200
8. S. D. Richardson	300	32. George Knight	100
9. Isaac Corkern	700	33. Wm. C. Toney	100
10. Joseph Green	280	34. John Fisher	290
11. John H. Talley	120	35. Henry Jones	120
12. Jane Jenkins	100	36. A. J. Johnson	230
13. S. D. Richardson	310	37. A B Corkern	20
14. Jane & Ellen Davis	50	38. George Riley	150
15. Calvin Joyner	200	39. John Thomas	30
16. Mrs A. Talley	70	40. Israel Mayfield	1100
17. E. W. Moore	140	41. T. J. Brasfield	110
18. Susan Davis	70	42. Susan Cooper	676
19. Enoch Talley	130	43. Jacob Magee	600
20. James Blackwell	270	44. Leroy Thomas	386
21. Kinza Johnson	110	45. John Magee	1000
22. Henry A Rogers	20	46. James O Pool	240
(No. 23 omitted on original		47. T. C. Bickham	300
24. Eugene A Foin	210	48. E A Fussell	2100

49.	W. J. Thigpen	300	87.	Augustus Statham	100
50.	Thomas Magee	60	88.	E. W. Bickham	300
51.	Lucinda Brooks	30	89.	Amilia Bickham	200
52.	W. P. Richardson	160	90.	Niel Strahan	300
53.	H. F. Burkhalter	900	91.	J. C. Fisher Shff	500
54.	F. M. Sylvest	300	92.	Taxes	900
55.	W. P. Warner	200	93.	For Sylvest	50
56.	John Parker	1000	94.	Susan Erwin	920
57.	J. E. Wood	200	95.	Estate of Myles Bullock	420
58.	Estate of Jacob Wood	900	96.	Josiah Brumfield	100
59.	Mrs Boyd	350	97.	A. C. Bickham	400
60.	Estate of J. C. Green	1100	98.	Edward Myles	120
61.	Wm. Finny	100	99.	J. R. Burch	180
62.	T. J. Simmons	830	100.	M. N. Brumfield	180
63.	Wm. Peters	1940	101.	J. E. Brumfield	200
64.	Wm. Peters	1400	102.	Robert Daniel	200
65.	D. H. Stringfield	100	103.	John P. Pearce	200
66.	Benjamin Graves	100	104.	W. R. H. Faulk	200
67.	J. F. Spring	550	105.	John A. Fornea	250
68.	C. A. Goynes	100	106.	Thomas Burk	440
69.	J. H. Rives	350	107.	Marion Bateman	300
70.	M. B. Hughes	200	108.	Robert Daniel	2100
71.	A. W. Daniel	400	109.	A. A. Harvey	1180
72.	A. Stafford	30	110.	Franklin Stubbs	140
73.	Wm. A. Fussell	40	111.	N. S. McCain	60
74.	Thomas J. Wood	100	112.	Caroline Bateman	90
75.	John R. Wood	200	113.	Wm. C. Warren	1600
76.	Washington Parish	600	114.	Seth Barnes	530
77.	School Fund	1760	115.	Lamenta Bullock	900
78.	J. Aronstein	960	116.	C. L. Peak	100
79.	H. J. Laneir	300	117.	Hezekiah Magee Sr	1100
80.	Franklinton Lodge No 101	210	118.	Hezekiah Magee Jr	140
81.	L. C. Dyson	980	119.	John A Fussell	220
82.	Mary Hughes	110	120.	A. G. Fussell	400
83.	Matthew Holliday	100	121.	C. C. Fussell	300
84.	John M. Carson	200	122.	John James	100
85.	David E Bullock	100		O Perry	400
86.	George Bullock	100			

Names of persons who had Counterfeit money

1.	A. W. Daniel	\$20
2.	D. H. Stringfield	20
3.	C. A. Goynes	20
4.	James Blackwell	20
5.	S. D. Richardson	20
6.	Estate Myles Bullock	20
7.	A. Bickham	20
8.	L. C. Dyson	100
9.	J. C. Fisher	10
10.	S. D. Richardson	50
		300

Names of Parties who had Interest bearing Bonds

The Estate of J. C. Green		
Two hundred dollar note	\$200	
A. A. Harvey	(torn)	
One Fifty dollar note	50	

(on same paper at bottom)

L Dyson due \$10 - on Certificate

Franklin Stubbs Receiver " for \$200.00

Henry Jones received M. N. Brumfield 200.00

K. McLewis " T. J. Simmons " 800.00

E. A. Fussel " his own & J Corkern's 700.00 & his own 2100.00

Jno T Pearce " by R Daniel 200.00

T Burk " W R Faulk 400.00

Wm C Warren " " Falk (sic) 1600

A. J. Johnson to Self 200.00

Kinza Johnson 100.00

POWERS OF ATTORNEY

William Britt to Richardson 1870

C. B. Morris to Richardson 1867

Capt W H Lillard

Dear Sir

Mr Alanson Parks has wrote to me from Dacater (sic) Illinois and says his wife bedding & clothing was lost at Tangipahoa and wants me to make inquiry & if found forward the same either to him at Decatur or to T. A. Randolph New Orleans---He blames the managers of the Rail Road. I think Parks was drunk and didnt Know what became of his Bedding & clothing

Please make inquiry on account of his wife who is an industrious good woman---

Your friend

March 1st 1870

Hardy Richardson

(on back of same paper)

The State of Louisiana

Parish of Washington

Be it Known and Remembered that on this the Eleventh day of February in the year of our

Lord One thousand Eight hundred and seventy, That I William G Britt a Citizen of the State & Parish aforesaid Do this day nominate constitute and appoint and do by these presents appoint Hardy Richardson of the same state & Parish my legal and duly authorized attorney in fact, to Represent in all & every thing it may be necessary for to be and appear in to take charge of my place or Farm in the said Parish consisting of a dwelling House, cribs Stables, and out Houses, containing Seven hundred acres more or less bounded North by D E Tate, East by Chillot South by M Robertson & West by Clark with about forty acres of Land under fence & fit for cultivation to Rent or sell the land & collect payment, & sign my name to the title or transfer and do and perform every thing that might be required of me to do were I present and acting for myself and also to receive and receipt for me and in name all monies that are now due & may be due in the said State by any person. Hereby binding myself to Ratify and confirm every act done by my said attorney in fact, and acknowledge the validity of the same as if I had have been personally present and doing & signing the same. This done in the Parish of Washington, & signed in the presence of Edward Hays & Hardy Pool witnesses of Lawful age and domicil, who have also signed date above written---

Edward Hays

William G Britt

Hardy J Pool

Franklinton Novr 1st 1869

Hardy Richardson

Dear Sir

I wish you to act as my agent in the transaction of all my business and I further Empower you to sell any or all of my lands lying in the Parrishes of Washington & St Tammany to sign my name to the same and to do and perform all and every act thereto the same as if were present and acting & signing for myself

Hereby binding myself to Ratify and confirm all any every act of sale made & signed by you of all and every act done by you.

Attest John Wadsworth

C B Morris

MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS

Sunny Hill March 1st 1873

Silas Leslie

Sir

When C. B. Morris was here in January you and him disagreed in the settlement of the sale of some timber made by him to you and he requested and gave me authority to settle it with you, As I understand the contract told to me by the witness who signed the agreement, and one a partner to the transaction to have been this C B Morris sold you all the timber on the land mentioned that would measure 17 inches in diameter 25 feet up the tree from the stump, the agreement that was written or dictated by you, says all the timber, that would include the smallest to the largest of any discription. (sic) It was well understood by Mr Morris and the witnesses that it was the Pine timber on the land mentioned that would measure 17 inches in diameter 25 feet up the body of the tree. Now Sir you have written the agreement wrong or intend to treat Mr Morris wrong, which I dont think you capable Now Sir cancel the written agreement and let us have our rights, the timber all under the size of 17 inches in diameter 25 feet up the body of the tree-- and all will be right, otherwise it will be settled by Law -- at Expense to both parties all we want is Justice

Answer immediately and let me know what you intend to do.

Your friend

Hardy Richardson agt for C B Morris

PIPKIN & CARTER,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Greensburg, La. May 3rd 1880

Hardy Richardson Esq

Dr Sir & friend

Jim Lewis's case is set for Friday next, the 7th of May, and for fear that we cant get in the testimony of Frank Brumfield and Harry Dyson as you sent, we think it best, and send summonses for them by Jim's son Charlie, and request that you see to it, and assist Charlie, and see that they get the Summonses as soon as possible, and tell them to be sure and come on Thursday, and stay all night with Jim, and come over to Court Friday morning. If we can establish the adultery on Jane Lewis's part, the monies demand of Jane's will fall. Also we would like very much to have you present as you can throw a great deal of light on the case and if practicable, and not too inconvenient, try and come over. We would all here like to see you any way. Dont let these witnesses know that is summonses now. They cant be made to come here, as Jim says they promised him to come, and if you tell them to come, they will do so. Aid us all you can, as Jane's suit against

Jim is an outrage. Let me know who is the Justice of Peace in the place of Hams Reeves in 2nd Ward of Tangipahoa Parish.

In haste yours Respt' &C

Pipkin & Carter Attys for Jim Lewis

PS If you dont come, write us.

P & C

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES AND RECEIPTS

\$26.04/100 COVINGTON, LA., 31st Aug 1840

Ten days after date I promise to pay to the Order of CUTRER & WARREN, Twenty Six Dollars and Four Cents, with interest at Ten per cent per annum, after due until paid, Being for Value Received. his

Attest Jacob Wood

Wm. X Williams

mark

Sun Post Office January 5th 1855
of fifteen dollars being part payment of a note drawn by D Mizell payable to Leroy Thomas for value received

Received of David Mizell the sum

Leroy Thomas
J. Edis Smith

Rec of Leroy Thomas three Hundred and fifty four 75/100 Dollars for Samuel B. Harthorn on acct of Hardy Richardson on his note for a purchase of cattle some time the summer of 1848. Sept 11th 1848.

B. W. Holloway

Washington Parish La

Jany 9th 1873

Six months after date I promise for value received to pay to Geo L. B. Miller or order the sum of Seventy four Dollars with interest Doll 74 Hardy Richardson

\$500.00

Franklinton November 30th 1872

Twelve months after date we or either of us promise to pay William G. Britt or bearer the sum of Five hundred dollars for value received with eight per cent interest per annum after due until paid.

J. T. Pettitt

James M. Shilling

D. E. Tate

Edward Hays

W. W. Pettitt

(on back)

Cash Received on this note from T. J. Pettitt Two hundred and fifteen dollars Jany 5th 1874 H. Richardson

Cash Recd on this note from J. M. Shilling one hundred & Seventy three 87/100 dollars Jany 26th 1874 Atty in fact for Wm. G. Britt Hardy Richardson

Cash Recd on this note from D E Tate fifty eight 23/100 dollars Jany 26th 1874 Atty in fact of Wm. G. Britt Hardy Richardson

Atty in fact for Wm G Britt

S. A. P. Conerly, Jefferson Texas

Care of Baitman & Bro---

John Wadsworth gave the money to John R Wood \$110 in green backs to be exchanged for a draft in New Orleans---and I know nothing further. J Bloom & Co said Bateman & Bro (several words completely illegible) last Sept but yet this money is not paid.

Franklinton June 30 1866

Received this day from Hardy Richardson his note for one hundred and fifteen dollars with eight per cent interest from date until paid payable January (1867) for a note of Henry Morris for the same amount viz (one hundred and fifteen dollars dated June 2nd 1860 one day after payable Simon P Holden or bearer. No interest named in the face of the note

S P Holden

\$115

Franklinton June 30 1866

On or before the first day of January (1867) I promise to pay Simon P Holden or bearer the sum of one hundred and fifteen dollars with eight per cent interest from date until paid for value received

H (torn)

Parish St. Helena Dec 3 AD 1855

Twelve months after date we or Either of us promise to pay Hardy Richardson administrator of the Estate of Benjamin and Celia Richardson deceased for the use and Benefit of the heirs of said Estate the sum of Ninety Six dollars and fifty cents with Eight per cent Interest after Maturity until paid for value received

his

Lesly B Bankston Tutor

mark

Thomas Green Davidson

\$150.00/100

Franklinton Washington Ph La

November 21st A D 18--(torn)

On or before the 15th day of May A D 185- I promise to pay to J A P Maples or bearer the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for value received

Hardy Richardson

Thirty days after date I promise to pay William Pitman the sum of thirty five dollars for value received february 17th 1848

Wm. A. Underwood

June 30th 1866

Mrs Steave Richardson please pay to James Thigpen fifteen dollars which is the amount due me for one visit to Steave and this shall be your receipt for the same

W B Richardson

(Fragment) Twelve months af-----us promise to pay-----Six Hundred and S-----Sixty Two cents cash-----cent Interest pr an-----January 1st 1862
Attest James A Calhoon (sic)

Hardy Richardson Co (sic) Tutor for Laura and Martena Roberts Dr Joseph Kemp \$6.25 Balance due him for teaching them. This Oct the 12th A.D. 1871
Received Payment in full. Joseph Kemp

Martha Richardson Dr

Feb 23	to sharpening 2 plows	50
Mar 2	to making middle clip	37
7	to sharpning (sic) plow	25
	to point on plow	75
20	to laying 2 plows	2.50
Ap 25	to sharpning 2 plows	50
May 12	to sharpning 2 plows	50
	to point on plow	75
June 5	to sharpning plow	25
10	to sharpning plow	25
	to work on plow	1.00
21	to sharpning 2 plows	50
Jan 15	to work on buggy	5.00
July 12	to 1 bushel of corn	1.00
25	to sharpning 2 plows	50
		<u>50</u>
		\$18.62

MISCELLANEOUS LIST BEFORE 1862

W. F. Bateman	paid	21.23
W. E. A. Simmons	paid	61.66
J. E. Mizell	paid	169.33
David Mizell	paid	39.96
James C. Corkern	paid	48.10
W. J. Corkern	paid	100.96
Daniel Fendleston (sic)	paid	42.23
C. T. Galloway	paid	49.56
W. W. Galloway	paid	27.93
James Jenkins		44.43
Henry J. Jones	paid	11.00
		<u>594.03</u>
		22.36
		\$616.39

MISCELLANEOUS LIST EXACT ORIGIN UNKNOWN

James Jenkins	192
John A Toney	162
George Knight	120
Jas Knight	168
Jas Blackwell	96
Kinzey Johnson	72
Selena Morris	72
Stephen Mizell	96
John McGehees widow	120
M McGehee	48
J P McGehee sister	48
Jackson Mizell	168
	<u>1362</u>

MISCELLANEOUS LIST WRITTEN BEFORE 1850

Martial Bartell	16.75
Sam Sheridan	16.50
Joe Letchworth	8.96
Joe Miley	5.00
Bill Jones	10.12
M. Jack Mizell	5.75
Hinds Thomas	30.00
C. P. Thomas	7.50
Hardy Thomas	51.80
James Thomas Sr	1.50

Received Covington La June 15th 1866 of Mr James Peirce for Mr Richardson's account the sum of thirty dollars Dr Davisson (sic)
for T D Davisson

April 7th 1857

Hardy Richardson will please pay the bearer Mrs Rebecca Dyas twenty dollars and oblige
Stephen Albritton

Mr Thomas J Brasfield

March the 25th 1863	26 lbs Coffee at 75 cts	19.50
March the 26th	96 lbs Poark (sic) at 7 13/100	17.50
April the 3rd 1863	88 bu Corn	88.00
	Loan in cash	20.00
March the 15th 1864	30 bu Corn	30.00
	Total amount	<u>\$175.00</u>

Franklinton Feb'y 28th 1867

Received of Hardy Richardson for Eliza Richardson Forty five 50/100 dollars in payment of her note in favor of L. Thomas for Three hundred & two dollars dated
Jas O Poole

Received of Hardy Richardson Twenty Eight Dollars for Roan Letchworth.
June 14th 1883 W. J. McElveen

Tangipahoa Jan 22 1872

Hardy Richardson Sir your boy come in this morning but did not present the note until he had purchased the Flour & hat elsewhere he then came and wanted a coat we could not fit him but sold him a fine plaid shirt at three dollars. You will please secure that amount for us and oblige yours
Kenmon & Welsh

We send you what papers we have also the Seed-----

Covington La June 24 1865

Mr H Richardson

TO STEAMER A. G. BROWN, DR.

For Freight on

5	Sacks salt 60	3.00
2	bl Flour 75	1.50
1	Package Sundries	35

1 Packg Tobacco	35
1 small sack coffee	25
13 Sack corn	3.90
1 Package Dry goods	50
1 bl Flour	<u>75</u>
	9.85

Paymt W M Malone

Mary Rogers in account with H Richardson
1861

Jan'y 22	Bill entered with J Bloom & Co	\$19.66
"	25 lbs Coffee at 12 cts	3.00
"	N Overton her bill Com.	6.23
"	Cash paid you	3.00
March 6	as per Bill Rendered with J Bloom & Co	25.00
7	N Overton her bill Com	25.66
12	Paid J. E. Smith	10.29
"	Cash paid you	10.00
"	25 lbs coffee	3.75
"	Cash Paid T. Adams	<u>5.00</u>
		111.55
June 1	5 sacks corn	<u>6.60</u>
	Total amt	\$118.15 (sic)

Covington March 14th 1878

Mr Hardy Richardson will please pay to Mr J E Smith the sum of \$20
Twenty Dollars By so doing you will oblige Yours truly
Whit Erwin for Hardy Smith

Hardy Richardson To Henry B Hardy Dr

1874 Sept 2nd	To 6 days work on school Benches, Desks, Blk		
	Board Clock, Sewing Machine at \$3 pr day		\$18.00
Oct	To repairing Buggy		<u>5.00</u>
			\$23.00
Cr Sept by Cash		\$5.00	
Oct " "		<u>5.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>
	Balance Due		\$13.00
Dec 24, 1875	Cash paid		<u>6.00</u>
	Balance due		\$ 7.00
Jan'y 18 1875	Made payment		D. E. Tate

Silver Creek Station La Feb 22nd 1870

Received of Mrs E Carter Six dollars & forty Five cents the full amount of
her Acct up to date W. J. McElveen

Received of Hardy Richardson four hundred and fifty dollars in cash and a
draft for one hundred dollars on Warren Atkinson & Co
Jan'y 15, 1873 J. J. Slocum

Franklinton La July 13th 1874

Messr George Heck & Co New Orleans

Dear Sirs Send me by Steamboat Camelia on Thursday Boat the 16th inst
(15) Fifteen sacks of corn & 2 sacks oats I will settle same in (30)
thirty days

Truly yours
John R Wood

Received of Hardy Richardson Sixty dollars to be handed thirty dollars to
D. L. Lober & thirty to D V Davidson--

June 13, 1866 James Pierce

Sunny Hill April 16 1878

To the Agent of Wheeler & Wilson. Sewing Machines New Orleans
Sir

Enclosed find fifty cents for one dozen improved sewing machine
needles of a mixed size not the largest and want them sent by mail to
Mrs Frank Eady Palestine, La. Washington Parish
Enclosed stamp Hardy Richardson

Hardy Richardson tutor to Laura J Roberts to D H Stringfield MD Dr
Jany 1, 1871 To medical service rendered Laura \$22.00
September 15th 1871 Recd payment-- D H Stringfield M.D.

Franklinton La June 15th 1868

Due Hardy Richardson on a yoke of ox thirty six and 50/100 dollars

James O. Poole

To Hardy Fountain
" Wm. Peters

\$37.50
26.00
63.50
100.00
\$36.50

Mr H Richardson Sir

Please pay to John R Wood Thirty five dollars and thirty five cents
and this your Receipt Franklinton La March 2nd 1867
F. M. Sylvest

John Mizell Junr please pay Hardy the amount that you are due me the exact
amt I do not recollect but you know what it is August 14th 1850
Benj Richardson

April 25th 1868

Mr Hardy Richardson please send me by the barer (sic) one barrel of double
extry flour and fifty pounds of rice and oblige yours
Stephen Mizell

Mr David Mizell Senr to J. E. Smith

1859 Feby 23	For Sundry Clothing for Dick	2.45	
Mch 30	" D. for shoes	1.50	3.95
June 24	" Freight & Storage	30	
30	" 6 Bushels Corn	1.50	9.00
Sept 5	" 1 pair Shoes for Dick	1.50	<u>10.80</u>
			\$14.75

Decb. 31 For Coms. on your Buning (?) \$2.50

Admr of H Richardson

Order

7.50
\$22.25
14.00
\$36.25

Rec Covington La May 24/--

of John Woods on account of David Mizell the sum of eight dollars & fifteen cents for value rec
J Edis Smith

Franklinton Decr 31st 1859

On or before the first day of January Eighteen hundred and Sixty one I promise to pay David Mizell senior or bearer the sum of Fifty dollars cash loaned with Eight per Cent Interest per annum from due until paid
John Mizell

\$100

Washington Parish La. May 21st 1859

On or before the first day of January next I promise to pay David Mizell Sen, or bearer the sum of one hundred dollars for value received with Eight per cent Interest per annum from date until paid
John D Mizell

April 1856 I promise to pay David Mizell or bearer the sum of fifteen dollars for value received of him. April the 3day 1856 T Hays

Isaac Bloom

Sir Please pay John Wadsworth the sum of forty three dollars & charge the same to account of Wm. J. Morris
July 10th 1856 Hardy Richardson agent for Wm. J. Morris

Rec'd New Orleans Dec 31/67

from Hardy Richardson Esq. Forty Three 50/100 in full of H. J. Morris acc.
J. Bloom & Co
Schwartz

Oct 1865 Hardy if you can make it convenient I wish you would send by Mr. Brewer for me a barrel of Flour and I will ask no more of you; Hardy I would not ask you to do this but I am sick and I stand in need of it (torn) -----you will Oblige your friend R. W. Morris

One day after date I promise to pay Hardy Richardson or bearer the sum of Eighty five Dollars for value received with eight per cent from due till paid this Sept 26th 1861 C B Morris

Mr. Edwin Thomas

Sir you will please pay the S B Lencra and Owners the sum of Thirty one dollars and Twenty five cents being the amount of my freight Bill of 9th Dec
S. B. Lenora Dec 11th 1854 Wm. J. Morris

July 21st 1850

Mr J Bloom Sir please pay to Mr. Jackson Mizell the sum of thirty dollars and you will oblige your friend
W J Morris

One day after date I promise to pay S P Holden or Bearer the sum of one hundred and fifteen dollars for value Received of him June the 21st 1860

Henry S Morris

(on back) Received of John Meazel one hundred dollars on the within note for Hardy Richerson(sic) September 30 1863

\$19.80 One day after date I promise to pay James M Burris on order the sum of nineteen dollars & eighty cents for value received with eight per cent Interest from date this 31st March 1854

W F Morris

\$107.40 Franklinton Jany. 1st 1861

On or before the first day of March next I promise to pay Hardy Richardson or bearer the sum of one hundred and seven 40/100 dollars Cash loaned with eight per cent interest per annum from date until paid-----

W W Morris

\$135.50 Washington Parish La. November 15th 1856

Twelve Months after date I promise to pay Hardy Richardson or bearer the sum of One hundred & twenty five dollars for value received with Eight per cent Interest per annum from date until paid -----

Wm. J. Morris

(at bottom of same paper)

Paid Wm Spring 50 fifty dollars

Due to 1855 on the Borrowed money from Burnett, Wm J Morris said he paid Bill Spring said he paid on Wm J Morris note

OFFICE OF J. M. WRIGHT

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Amite City, La., Feby 15th 1883

Hardy Richardson Esq

Sunny Hill P. O. La

Dear Sir----- I hold in my hands for collection a note executed by yourself and S. D. Richardson for \$150.00 payable to the order of J W White and by him ordered, said note now the property of W. B. Thompson and drawing interest at 8% from December 1st 1877. I have called upon S. D. Richardson for payment and he declines to pay. I have just recd positive instructions that if payment is not made to institute suit against you for its payment. You will therefore please give matter your immediate attention

Yours Respectfully

J. M. Wright

Sunny Hill June 18th 1873

S. D. Richardson

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of a letter from copes and Ogden of date the 14 April stating that you drawd (sic) and made payable to my order a note \$188 18/100 and the same was due, and over due, and a balance of 50 dollars remained unpaid, besides your own account, and wanted me to take the note and pay the balance--or he would part on the matter--and wanted to know what to do--which I say for you to pay the money promptly, and not let them come back on me.

All well

Yours

Hardy Richardson

Post crib - too much rains plenty of grass--good garden of cabbage Tax collectors after money--I dint (sic) pay because I have got no money and I think my objection legal

MASONIC RECORDS

Three pieces

Baton Rouge La June 1st 1867

Comp. Hardy Richardson Dr Sir

Enclosed please find certificate of your having demitted from Washington Royal Arch Chapter No 5 on March 5th 1865. This is duplicated as you seem never to have received the one sent you on January 21st. The Records of this Chapter having been lost during the war I had to procure the necessary data from the secretary of Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Hoping you will receive this duplicate I am your Companion & friend

M. C. Aldrich Secretary

Free and Accepted Masons

Spring Creek Lodge No 184

Acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana to all whom it may concern greeting This certifies that brother Hardy J. Poole, is a Master Mason and was a member of this Lodge in good standing and clear of the books and as such we do cordially commend him to the fraternal guard of all true Free and Accepted Masons wherever disperced (sic) around the globe In testimony whereof we have caused this demit to be signed by the Master and the seals of the Lodge to be attached this the 9th day of June A D 1877 A.L 5877

William G Breland Secretary

Hall of Franklinton Lodge No 101

This is to certify that Bro J P Welch was a Regular member in good standing in Franklinton Lodge No 101, under the jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana and did on the 1st day of October A D 1870 demit from it in full fellowship and standing and as such we recommend him to all worthy Brethren wherever dispersed In faith whereof I hereto annex the seal of said Lodge and sign my name officially on this 2nd day of March A D 1872

J. M. Simmons Secretary

WASHINGTON PARISH GRANGE RECORDS

Five pieces

At a meeting of Silver Creek Grange No 32 at the Fisher School house on Saturday Oct 26th 1874 J J Slocum C J Burch and S W Bickham were appointed by the Worthy to attend the Grange meeting in Franklinton on the 10th of October Given under my hand and the seal of said Grange this October 10th 1874
S. W. Bickham Secretary

(Large letterhead on these two letters)

H. W. L. Lewis Master
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PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY
OFFICE OF SECRETARY AND AGENT
STATE GRANGE OF LOUISIANA
166 GRAVIER AND 17 UNION STREETS

New Orleans, Dec 16, 1874

Mr Hardy Richardson Sunny Hill La
Dear Sir & Bro

Yours of 15th inst is recd enclosing \$7.75 for your acc---We paid 25¢ ex. charges--Remittance should be pre-paid. Will be pleased to see Bro Graves when he comes. I am obliged to carry out the rule not to ship goods unless cash or produce is in hand or would be pleased to accommodate (sic) him.

Fraternally yours
N D Wetmore for Mason

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Box 23 New Orleans

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY
OFFICE OF SECRETARY
STATE GRANGE OF LOUISIANA
68 CAMP STREET

New Orleans, March 9th 1876

Hardy Richardson Esq
Dear Sir & Bro

Your letter received this morning--Bro Jones W. M. & Bro Smedley Lectured of National Grange spent a week in New Orleans--Bros Fay, Carter, Rinehart & W. M. Ryland were here, & met them in Session on Friday & Saturday --- Bros Lewis & Maxwell P.M. of Tenn. present --- Bro Jones came direct from meeting of the Convention of Executive Committees of the Miss. Valley States & addressed the Committee on the Subject of Agencies & urged us to adopt the recommendation of the above convention by having only two agts, to be located inside our State--one buyer & one seller, & to employ agents of other States when we desired to buy their products --- Our Committee stated that they already had a bargain with our present agent, but appointed a Committee to confer with him on the Subject. Bro Wetmore expressed his willingness to accede to the arrangement as soon as it was practical & it was thought by the Committee that it could be effected at the end of the present year---Bro. Jones thinks that the System as recommended (sic) would force cooperation, whereas only Jealousy now exists between the Grange Agents. I agree with you in regard to recording our Bond.--- I hear that Herwig is a rather slippery fellow. It is Said that he has

allowed his notes to go to protest recently & that his Property on the Jackson RR is in his wife's name. --- I shall get Bro Hall to investigate his Status. Sorry you were not with us---All the Patrons in New Orleans listened to the address of Bro. Smedley at Orleans Grange on Friday night -----Bro Jones Demonstrated Secret work. He is an able man & a good Patron.
Fraternally
Wm H. Harris

New Orleans, July 19th 1875

Mr Hardy Richardson Osyka Miss.

Dear Sir & Bro.

Below please find statement of acc showing a balance in my favor of 96¢ By remitting at earliest convenience you will oblige

Your fraternally

N D Wetmore

Nov 14	To mdse	50.71
" "	" cash (Exp. chgs money pkge)	<u>25</u>
		50.96
Nov 14	By cash	<u>50.00</u>
	To balance due N.D.W.	.96

Near Osyka, Miss., March 3rd 1875

H. Richardson

Master Silver Creek Gr No 32.

Worthy Bro. It is made my duty to call your attention to Art. 9 By Laws State Grange of La. I am informed by the Sec of the State Gr that your grange is four quarters in arrears for due to the State Grange you will please see that the dues are promptly paid within the next thirty days and oblige yours truly & Fraternally

H. W. L Lewis

Master

(The following is a group of letters written to and by Hardy Richardson. Much of the writing is poor and sometimes practically illegible. There are many grammatical errors and misspelled words, but they have been transcribed as accurately as possible.)

LETTERS WRITTEN TO AND BY HARDY RICHARDSON

New Orleans March 20th 1857

Dear Hardy,

I gave you one hundred and fifty dollars and four hundred you sold my place for, and thirty dollars you owe me, making in the aggregate five hundred and Eighty dollars, which amount I want you to pay James Morris. I am owing him Seven hundred and forty or fifty dollars the balance I will arrange in the course of two or three months. I want it attended to immediately as I am paying Interest on the whole amount.

Signed Stephen Albritten

Hog Branch Livingston Parish May the 19 1865

Deare Sire After my Best Respects to you and family Dear Sire I Received a order from you by Roann Letchworth Concerning your Cows I thought that thing was Settle Mr Orvil Perry Come to me and told me that he had bought your Cows and had to Pay you in Cotton and then he Sold me the Cattle back I give him five hundred Dollars for them I Paid him 300 Dollars Down before Steven Mezels and he Was Caled a witness to the bargain and Malindy heard the Same Roan tells me that Mr Perry Denise Seling me the Cattle I Want you to Reade this letter to Mr Perry and I Can Prove the Contract and he cant tell me that he never Sole me the Cattle and Steve told me that you had Sold Perry the Cattle for Cotten and he Was A Witness to the bargain between you and Perry I will Come and face him any time that I am cald on

S. P. Holden

June 18, 1869

Dear Sir

I received your letter and the draft 11th of June and was proud to see it and I respect you as a friend and as a gentleman and am a thousand times oblige to you to you for your trouble we are all well at present hoping that when these few lines comes to hand that they may find you and family all well we have great prespects for good crops my son in law has laid by his crop he has eight acres in cotton and if the worms dont eat it it will make a bail to the acre he has twelve or 13 acres in corn it will make between 50 to 75 bushel of corn to the acre well hardy I want you to find out if the old lady daz is dead or not I never can hear from her and if she is I want the place sold so that I can get my children part of it and if it cant be sold and is still rented out I want my part of the rent if it is not but too dollars so far as I am concerned in the case I will employ you to tend to it for me and pay yourself out of it for your trouble and write to me as soon as you can and tell me all about it well it is late and I must close give my best respects to your family nothing more direct your letters to Svairesville bell county back your letters to Zelpah for every body nowes her and if any body is at the office they will

be apter to bring it to her than me So I will close nothing more at present
only I still remin your friend untill death.

E. C. Day

Zelpah C. Harvey

State of Ill Macon Co

February 18th 1871

Dear friend. I seat myself to write you a few lines in order to Let you know that we are all well at the present. and we hope this will find you and your family enjoying the Same Blessing. I donot know as I have much to write. I have wrote so much and got no answer. till I said i would quit writing but i thought i would try you. I have wrote to Every body in that settlement. and have got no answer. we would like to see you and here you talk this fine day we have some fine weather the ground is thawing and the snow melting we have fine times here in the winter skating and sleig riding and going to school I have bin goin to school about 5 months and our school will not be out till the last of march then we will have one 3 months in the summer if you want to schol your children her is the place to do it you can send your children to school and feed them on apples and on monday night of ever week we have a debate and thursday night we have prayer meting and church every sunday oh this is the finest country you every saw the most fine stock we went to the State fair last fall and saw ever thing in the world that was fine we saw one hog that weighed 12 hundred and one cow that weigh 25 hundred you Spoke about the negrows in your last letter there is not many negros here Some few in Decture ma has a fine son and Pa has named him Hardy Richardson he will be 8 weeks old to night Pa will write to you before long he has bin firing a dud for Spence and when he gets that Done he will write Parks and his family is well I want you to me as soon as you get this tell them rebles to write to me So as i dont know of any thing else I will come to close Give my love and best respects to all So no more for the present

W C Britt to H Richardson

William C Britt

State of Ills Macon County

February the 20the 1872

Mr H. Richardson Dear friend I take the pleasure of dropping you a few lines this morning I have nothing of interrest to righte you we are all at present Except colds I hope if this reches your hand it may find you all enjoying the same like blessing. i have resceived the money you sent me on the 19th it come to me all right please rite to me who is the Exspress agent at Oskay i wold like know him. if you can sell my plase this spring for one thousand half down do it and the other half due in the fall with eight precent interrest and if eney body wants to by it. they have chance and this is the last chance at that price. for there is talk of a railrode being made to go south and if they git it up in five years the timber on my land will be worth three four times to me hear and after this year i shall offer it no more at that price rented to the best to soute yourSelf and you can sute me I am not hard to please Land is cheap hear even if I had the money for my place i can by forty acres of land joining my rented place the place I am living on is for sale can be bought for fourty dollars per acer one hundred 2 acres in one field all in cultivation Land is taxes

accorden to the valuation of it why it is this fourty Joining me a smal
 dwelling on it lot few frute trees the tax on it was nine dollars other
 tax is lo we have 5 chollars going to chool 7 months this winter my chool
 tax 90 cets value 12 i shall cose my letter in remeberence
 state tax 1.15 of you i want you to right to me so
 county tax 84 farwell W Brit to
 towns tax 12 H Richardson
 rode & Cidy tax 12
 interest tax 13
 total tax \$3.26

(at bottom)

Mrs Richardson Dear friend you wanted to know how I liked this country and
 the people hear I never saw better people nor nicer in my life they have
 been as good to me as if they had been my relations and as for the country
 I could not be better pleasd it is such a nice place to school and educate
 children I would like to see you all but I never shall for it is to far
 to visit that country but write to me Nancy Ann Britt

State of Ills Macon County
 March the 29th 1873

Mr H. Richardson

Dear friend I have received your letter of the 21 and was glad to
 hear from you i have received the money that you sent me five hundred and
 fifty dollars it come all right and i am well plesed with the course that
 you taken with my plase i thank you kindly four your trobbles and beside
 i want you pad for your trobble we are all well at present and dowing as
 well as cod be exspected consideren our bad luck in our family and stock
 but we thank our maker that it ant worse i hope that these lines may reach
 your hand and find you and yours enjoying good helth and dowing well
 we was glad to hear from you but wish see you all. we made a good crop
 last year we cultivated sixty acres of land last year in corn we run
 eight plows to four horses we gather sixty four bushels of corn per acer
 if all gose on right this year we will cultivate one hundred acers with
 six horses to twelve plows this is as fine a country for farming if the
 winter was not so long it wold be the finest country in the world the
 land is very rich hear and we have the finest of stock hear we have fine
 schools and well governed our children learn fast and grows fast Will and
 Faney both is near growne we have a fine girl three months old, name
 Coatney Florence but Hardy Richardson is the best looking Britt you ever
 saw and in good helth. i wold be glad if you wold come and look at this
 country i have no dought but you wold like it you can come in forty-eight
 hours when you get to macon county macon station you will be at no more
 exspence i think if you wold come and see the situation of the country
 and regulations of laws and schools you wold like them we have no negro
 law makers hear we are not bothered with negro hear in no maner shape
 nor form. you cold pout out your capitil hear in land and stock and live
 of the incom of them and do it easy i want to hear from you again quick
 and let me no what you wold like to do i think you wold like this country
 if you cold see it it is a cold country hear in the winter of corse but
 people is fix for cold weether hear you can send your children to school
 seven months in ever year shore and good country school and the cost is
 nothing i send from three to five children my school tax is about forty

cents a good teacher is more. so no more at present right to me all sends
howdy to you all and their best respects & love to all

Wm. G Britt to H. Richardson

State of Missouri Johnson County August the 20 1877

Dear friend I seat myself to write you a few lines to let you know
that we are all well at presant and hope this may find you all the same
I recived your letter and the money you sent me and I was glad to get it
for I stood in kneed of it very much I lost my crop last year from the
over flow of the waters and we was all taken down sick with the chilles
and then with the flux and in december moved out of the river botom in to
Johnson County but we child all winter and spring but are well once more and
have a very good crop this season and if you can send me the balance of
the money I think I can make out untill my corn gets ripe send it to
Chapel hill as you did before I am plowing for wheat now did not rase
any last year this is a fine wheat county we have a pretty fare fruit
crop this year Will is married and lives about 2 miles from Anney is
married and lives 25 from us and is doing well I want you to write to ma
about all of our people and how they are geting along and if they are all
a live yet we would be very glad to see you all once more but guess never
will in the wourld tell Mrs Ritchardson that we have to woork every where
but not so hard in Illinois or Misouri as in the sothern states tell Mar-
tena that Anney Married and left faney to dance in the pig trough and faney
wants to know if she is married too this is a very good country but I like
Illinois the best and if I was back there I would stay there our children
is all about grown but three Cora, Hardy, and Coatney we lost our baby
last fall aged 11 months tell William Booty and Caril Booty to write to
me we was to hear of Daniel Tates deat and symphethise with his wife
and children may the lord bless them receive my thanks for the money you
sent me and if you can send me the rest you will oblige me very much I
will close this ill written by subscribing my self your friend untill
death may the lord bless you and yours

William G Britt to his friend

Hardy Ritchardson

New Orleans, March 3/79

Hon. Hardy Richardson Dear Sir

I obtained your warrants from govr Wiltz last Saturday, realizing
thereon \$197.75. Govr Wiltz told me he had written to you the day before
I called on him, I having delayed applying for the warrants so as not to
be charged with having been in a hurry about getting them. I herein send
you bill. I hope to see you here during const. convention & as contented
& hearty as ever. I called on various Seed-Store owners near the Levee but
none of them has any bill against you, so that I could not pay the Seed
bill which you stated you owe here. Business is very dull here, & unless
the convention is composed of good & honest men like our old friend Hardy
we may look forward to worse times. Hoping to soon see you among us.

Truly yours

William Troegel

Fred's Restaurant 106 St Charles Str.

Greensburg La March 20th 1879

Uncle Hardy

By the time this reaches you I suppose you will have heard that we carried the election. Glad to say that no one has been killed but our people rose up and resolved to end Reeds rule in this Parish. We elect Demmy Kemp over him. Would write to you at length but my wife very sick. Thankful for your letter. Hope yourself & family are well, write to me

Yours Chas E. Lea

Like begets like. The action of Nationals & negroes in last contest in my judgment caused the white people of this Ph to adopt a system that ends their rule here forever.

Amite City Oct 9th 81

Dear Hardy

I have sold my place & will leave hear in the course of 3 weeks. I want to bring my wife and children to see you if I can if not I will come to see you myself before I go. We are well & hope you and yours are in good health Love to all

Yours truly
S D Richardson

Sunny Hill Aug. 3/80

Edward H Fay

State Superintendant

Dear Sir I have a little school here and we want instructions. I know of none more competent or wishing to supply our wants than yourself.

We want a Speech Book for children that are moderate readers, and for grammarians and a speech book for the teacher we get our books of Thorpe, Caugh Strt, near Lagapella Square---None was more pleased with your election then your Humble sevt

Hardy Richardson

Sunny Hill February 16th 1873

Dear Britt,

Some months ago I sent you by Exp. to Elwin Illinois care N.F. Hopkins (\$550) five hundred and fifty dollars the first payment on your Land was five hundred dollars and the other payment twelve months after date was five hundred dollars the price of the land being one thousand dollars half cash and half at twelve months, with a mortgage on the land until all was paid, fifty dollars was for (torn)--- Seventy five (torn)--- Cotten been a good price paying 18 cents (torn) per pound. But our State is in bad condition politically, we have had a fair election and elected our Governor & legislature, and Grant the President has sustained the Radical party who was not elected, by military force, they being Guarded all the time by police or Soldiers--the matter is now before Congress. But I fear they will not give us our right will turn their back to an election and then with their military rule will defeat us and then the rights of the people will no longer be promised and Republican Governments and the will of the people will be at an end-----Our Taxes are already 3 cents on every dollar your property is worth, and if the radical carpet baggers and negroes rule

it will be double that amount before 2 years and I think they intend to put us down right or wrong---

We made good crops in this County this last year, and corn is very nearly enough for the support of the County Corn & meat are both cheap in Market---the (torn)--- all men sick but few died (torn)--- health is Generally Good I saw Lewis Willey. He said his family were all well Caroline and hers are well---

We have had good health, in our family---and hope the same of yours--- we hear Parks is Coming back in this neighborhood.

Write me if you received the money and how much and if you are satisfied with the sale, and the arrangements made. All send love to you & yours---

Write me what you want done. Hardy Richardson

Tangipahoa La Sept 17/78

Dear Captain--I owe you an apology for not responding to your last this was partly my fault & partly Mr Brumfields He left before I got back from home where I had sent the paper for my wife to read. I send you two (2) papers by Mr B. Yellow fever is reported at Osyka but the Doctors differ about the disease. There is no yellow fever here nor at Amite & has not been any some few cases of chills & fever in the neighborhood. We are not ordering any goods here from N.O. only groceries. There perhaps is no danger in cotton goods--woolen goods unquestionably when boxed up in an infected atmosphere convey the disease. I was at Amite yesterday as member of Par Ex Com we called for a Parish nominating Convention Monday 30th inst. Three delegates to be elected from each ward & let them scramble for it. Newsom has issued a pamphlet 10th Sept in opposition to Constitutional Convention. The Democratic party adopted as a plank in its platform Aug 5. This should now be a dead issue amongst desenters. The Convention has spoken. We are considerably mixed up but by proper management we will come out all right. If our Convention puts a weak man in the field the impression is that Newsom will run independent tho he says he does not want office. He continues much excited and is active in pressing his views upon the people.

Yours truly

Chas. E. Kenman

State of Louisiana
Parish of Washington

Be it Known and Remembered that on this the
----- day of April one thousand eight hundred

& seventy six I Wm J McElveen has entered into the following contract that I the said Wm J McElveen agrees and binds himself to furnish the said ----- in all the articles necessary to cary on and run his farm this year, the year oncoming & the sum of _____ Dollars. And the said agrees and binds himself for the payment of said supplies to pledge all his crop now growing or will be grown this year the year 1879, consisting of --- acres (torn) --- or other and further binds himself to cultivate and gather the same & make no other disposition in pledge of said crop to any other person but hold the same the said corn and cotton when gathered in the full to the will and order of the said Wm J McElveen until he is fully satisfied & paid for such supplies as he may have furnished during the year binding myself to deliver the said crop to him the said Wm J McElveen when ever called upon or so much when will pay the debt or for the supplies

furnished us and under no circumstance will I pledge (torn)--- only to pay debts until so advised by the said Wm J McElveen binding myself to give and deliver said crop or so much thereof as soon as any part of it is gathered and called for. This done in the store of Wm J McElveen Presence of the undersigned two witnesses who here signed with the parties date above written
(no signatures)

LETTER FROM W. E. RICHARDSON TO HARDY RICHARDSON - 1876

Hickory Flat Calcasieu Pa. La.
April the 9th 1876

Mr Hardy Richardson

Dear Sir

I take my pen in hand to Answer your welcome letter which come to hand A few days Ago and found us All Well I havent mutch nuse of important to write at present Cattle has dun well this winter and is A heap of Calves hogs has done Badly for their has Bin no mass this Winter we had to plant over one time But now there has come A good Stand and in hop we Will make A good crop you sed you thought I had begin to think A bout the girls I am the Worst gal feller you ever saw I Lov to have fun with them when it Comes in that I Can but Buisness before pleaser I dont Niglect buisness to with them in three year from 1876 I Will be 21 maby I will Come and See you All before Mutch longer ma is A little on the mend at preasent she has bin taken garte remidy of medison Call Ginkins anihilates 5 dollars A bottle I must close as it is late you must write to me soon I write you mor the next time So I Will Oblidge respectfully As Ever

W E Richardson

LETTER FROM ED. T. MORRIS TO HARDY RICHARDSON

They were first cousins.

J. W. HAYS & CO.

Gainesville, Texas, Aug 28th 1879

Hardy Richardson

Dear Hardy Enclosed you will find a power of atty from Hardy Pool & wife Making you their agent to act something in regard to the Division of some land. Hardy says that he dont expect to get anything or at least but very little but the other heirs wanted it divided or sold and sent him a power of atty to have signed and they concluded to appoint you. They left for their home in the Chickisaw Nation yesterday. We are all well Aunt Ailcy Jones left my house yesterday her and family are well and making a good living. Our crops are short on account of the drouth. Write soon.

Yours &C Ed T Morris

LETTER FROM JAKE MORRIS TO HARDY RICHARDSON - 1881

Falls County Texas March 25 1881

Mr Hardy Richardson Esq Dear old friend I have waited for a long time thinking I might hear from and waiting for oportunity to present itself

for me to write you A few uninteresting lines to Let you know that I still of my old associates and friends whether they Do of me or Not it is not because I think so much of you but your family as to Know I have none that be Likely to interest you in the least we had the coldest winter that has ever been since I have been out here but I did not louse any stocks at all & I have not seen none dead on the Parie I have none myself though I think I will get about 40 calves this year so up to Date we had grass the first of this mounth yearling is high in this country and A plenty of Buyers I sold some at \$6,00 (sic) pur head that is more than they heave Brought before No Demand for other Grades the Rail Roads is playing the wild with the Farmers this year the People Cant get hands to work there Land consequent-ly there is some Lands lying out this year I have got enough there is one at work about 10 miles and the surveyors are About 4 miles with another and there is A nightmare of sickness about here and yonder Pour old Aunt Maranda is verry feeble at times more so at times than otheres she has never been to see me but twice since she come out here then when I perswaded hur to come she dont seem like the same purson at all the people are badly the Behind with there Farms this spring we Like to have never got done gathering there Last year crops we made fine crops out here last year there are not Done jining as yet Hardy how is Father getting Along now I fear he is Doing badly he wrote me if I could healp him if he Need it and then wrote that he would not want at Present he had made other rangements I expect to share with him if waunts anything I would like to see you all once more times seemes to be better now than they have been for some several years so I recon I can say times is some better here I will come to a close as my letter is not interesting so I will close
My Peace & prosperity ever be with you & your family & in thy Dreams of thy absent friends Remember me

Jake Morris

I have three the worst Little Boys you ever seen All well I have Never had a Doctor in my Family only on myself

LETTER FROM HARDY RICHARDSON JONES TO HIS AUNT ELIZABETH MORRIS BRASSFIELD

Falls County May 8, 1867

My Dear old Aunt

After some time I write you a few lines to let you know we are all well & hope when this reaches you it will find you in gord helth Aunt I havent any thing new to write you I written you all the news before or all that wold be interesting I am to have a nice little crop I think we will make a fine crop we have the prettiest corn you Ever saw in your life we have worked very hard this year to make same thing we had but little before the ware & we have a Gradeal (?) in what stock we had was horses & they scatterd to the four winds of the Earth Pa could not take care of them we Didnt work mutch but will have to work real sune Aunt I am in sutch A hurry I cant writ you any news I am writing for you to hear from us I think it wold be a comfort for you to hear from me I know it is a great pleasure to get a letter from you I will close as it is getting late write soon Ma & Pa sends there best love to you

Your Nephew Hardy R. Jones

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